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SUMMARY.

Mr. Chamberlain, whose health is maintained, will spend a few weeks on the Continent.

A bill has been presented to the Duma to expend £15,750,000 in duplicating the Siberian railway.

A league has been formed in England to bring about a reduction in the income tax.

The French Minister for Foreign Affairs says that France maintains a prudent neutrality regarding Moroccan internal affairs.

The South African party (Afrikanders) will have a majority of eight in the new Legislative Council of the Cape Colony.

It is expected that the same party will have a majority of 30 in the House of Assembly.

It is reported that in June, 1908, the German Emperor threatened that German troops would enter Lorraine if M. Delcasse negotiated an alliance with Great Britain.

Mr. Grayson, M.P., says that the Hull decision absolutely bound the Labour party to socialism.

Mr. Lloyd George opposes the pooling scheme arranged by the Great Central and the Great Northern railways for avoiding excessive competition.

Mr. F. Maddison, M.P. (Radical), urges Mr. Shackleton, M.P. (Labour), to dissolve the alliance of trades unionists with socialist organisations.

It would be intolerable, he said, for trade unionists to be compelled to subscribe to promote socialism.

Count Laszio Szechenyi was married at New York to Miss Gladys Vanderbilt. The bride possesses £2,000,000 in her own right.

The advisory cricket committee will assist the M.C.C. if it invites an Australian Eleven and a South African Eleven to England in 1909.

The Balkan States have assured the Powers that they will not tolerate the organisation of raiding bands in their countries.

The Russian Admiralty proposes an expenditure of £225,000,000, spread over 12 years, for the rebuilding of the Navy.

Mr. Chapman says the Federal Government is strongly in favour of penny postage.

Such a measure, he believes, will be passed next session.

Sir Frederick Darley has no present intention of retiring from the State Chief Justiceship.

The staff of the Mines Department will probably be transferred next week to the Chief Secretary's Department.

Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, Acting Under-Secretary of Agriculture, formally took up his duties yesterday.

Mr. Home Cook, M.P., who was recently appointed honorary Federal Minister, was sworn in yesterday.

The Minister for Customs said yesterday he hoped the day was not far distant when a farmer would pay not more than a shilling a week for his telephone.

The three advisory boards under the Closer Settlement Act were appointed at yesterday's meeting of the Executive Council.

The boards will immediately inspect and report upon the most suitable lands for closer settlement.

Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd has been appointed official assignee in succession to his brother, the late Mr. L. T. Lloyd.

Mr. Chapman says the Federal Government is prepared to ask Parliament to set apart a sum of money to advance immigration.

Mr. Clement Hill, the cricketer, has been elected a member of the Adelaide Stock Exchange.

The Wagga branch of the Farmers' and Settlers' Association advocates a trial of the Danysz microbe on the mainland.

The Minister for Trade and Customs considers that the weight of grain sacks should be 200lb.

The Murray River question is approaching settlement.

A large number of boys employed at Anthony Hordern and Sons' went on strike yesterday for higher wages.

After the lapse of half an hour they returned to work. Their claim for higher wages is receiving consideration.

There are good prospects that the Tariff Bill will be speedily passed by the Senate.

In the opinion of the secretary of the Domestic Immigration League, domestics in Australia are better treated than in any other part of the world.

An expedition is being organised to explore the north-west of New Guinea.

Mr. Donald Mackay, a brother of Mr. Kenneth Mackay, M.L.C., will lead a party there for the benefit of geographical science.

Two New Zealand detectives are proceeding to London to give evidence in the prosecution of Miss Robinson for alleged perjury arising out of the Druce case.

Another good partnership was registered in the interstate cricket match, Victoria v New South Wales, yesterday.

The Victorians in their second innings lost seven wickets for 363.

Ransford and Tarrant carried the score from 64 to 217 before the former was dismissed for 128. Tarrant is 129 not out.

At the annual meeting of the Sydney Philharmonic Society last night it was stated that the past year had been a memorable one.

Mr. Joseph Bradley, the new conductor, is expected to arrive from Glasgow in March.

A hitch has occurred in the agreement respecting the disputed border territory between Victoria and South Australia.

A party of motorists had a narrow escape of being surrounded by a bush fire in ti-tree scrub between Chelsea and Carrum, Victoria.

Oppressive weather conditions prevailed yesterday. The shade temperature in Sydney was 94. It reached 116 at Bourke.

After an interval of nearly three weeks the Coal Court at Newcastle will resume its work to-day.

Since the Court adjourned several of the collieries have been thrown idle by strikes of wheelers.

The first encampment of Commonwealth Senior Cadets at Wollongong proved successful.

Brigadier-General Gordon congratulated the officers on the way in which the cadets were turned out, and upon their steadiness.

A. Mason has won the 500 yards swimming championship of Victoria.

Fires have been of frequent occurrence at Broken Hill of late. Two houses were burned down last night.

A violent storm occurred in the Germanton district, large trees being uprooted.

Six inches of rain fell in an hour. Fences and culverts were washed away.

A large area of grass country has been destroyed by fire near Gundagai.

There being a scarcity of men in the neighbourhood, women went out and fought the flames.

The Hobart Regatta, which is held to commemorate the discovery of Tasmania, took place yesterday.

There is a scarcity of women workers in New Zealand. The reason is said to lie in the fact that numbers of girls are entering offices.

The New Zealand bowling team defeated Randwick yesterday by 24 points.

A seaman named Charles Rennison fell overboard from the steamer Allowrie off Burge Head and was drowned.

At a sale of racehorses at Randwick yesterday the highest price was obtained for Orfano, by Grafton—Orphalina, who fetched 480 guineas.

A good amount of business was effected in investment stocks on 'Change yesterday at firm rates.

Extreme quietness prevailed in the Mining market yesterday, with a very limited business in copper and silver shares. Prices were steady.

Tin-mining interests were neglected, but gold-producing mines claimed a fair amount of attention.

There were rather heavy withdrawals at yesterday's wool sales. Prices were maintained at about last week's rates.

Weather forecast: Hot weather passing to the north-east, and becoming cooler generally; rain setting in on the coast within 48 hours.

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†ORONTES	9,023	Ruthven	Feb. 19	Feb. 25	Feb. 27
†OPHIR	6,814	Coad	Mar. 4	Mar. 10	Mar. 12
†ANTURIAS	12,500	Spooner	Mar. 18	Mar. 24	Mar. 26
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H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.
(T. 261)

New South Wales Government Railways,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Sydney, January 28, 1908.

TENDERS for the undermentioned WORKS, SUPPLIES, etc., will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon on the dates specified below:—

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1908.

SUPPLY of LARGE and SMALL COAL required by the Railway and Tramway Department during the year ending 30th June, 1909. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

ERECTION of BRICK RESIDENCE for Stationmaster at Junee. Particulars at the District Superintendent's Office, Junee, until 1st February, 1908.

THE PURCHASE OF BROWN'S SOLID BONDS AND AMALGAM. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

ERECTION of TIMBER RESIDENCE for Station Officer at Quipolly. Particulars at Stationmaster's Office, Tamworth, from 27th January, to 1st February.

PURCHASE of UPPER DECK COMPARTMENTS of TWO DOUBLE-DECK CARS. Particulars, Works Manager, Bandwick.

PURCHASE OF OLD ENGINE TENDERS. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

PURCHASE of 200 TONS SCRAP CAST IRON RAILWAY CHAIRS. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh, or Divisional Engineer, Newcastle.

ERECTION of TIMBER RESIDENCE for NIGHT OFFICER at CAWLEY. Particulars at Office of Engineer-in-Chief Existing Lines, Bridge-street, Sydney.

MANUFACTURE of 1000 TARPAULINS from CANVAS to be SUPPLIED by DEPARTMENT. Particulars at Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1908.

SUPPLY of LUBRICATING OILS for Railway and Tramway purposes during the year ending June 30, 1908. Intending tenderers are required to supply, on or before January 22, 1908, to the Superintendent of Stores, Eveleigh, as a sample, one gallon of each of the oils they propose to supply. Further particulars at Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned at their Office until noon of WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, for the SUPPLY and DELIVERY of 200 TONS OXIDE OF IRON
(including the use of bags), at the Company's Station, Mortlake.
Samples and analysis to accompany tender.
Further particulars may be obtained at the Engineer's Office, Jenkins-street, Sydney.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
R. H. LUKEY, Secretary.
Company's Head Office, 163 Kent-street, Sydney, 17th January, 1908.

AVENARIUS KILLS WHITE ANTS and all other Vermin at once and for ever. For Sale, Haldorff's, Bridge-st.; Lamb's, etc. etc. E. RICH and CO., Ltd., Sole Agents, 24 O'Connell-st.

BRICKS for Sale, cheap and good. T. Daley, Standard Brick Works, Sydenham-st., Marrickville.
BUILDING Trades Directory, N.S.W., 1908 issue, 4s posted. Ziona Builders' Exchange, 12 Clough-st.

Stores Supply and Tender Board,
15 Young-street, Sydney,
10th January, 1908.
CAST-IRON DESK STANDARDS.
TENDERS for the Supply and Delivery of 1000 feet (more or less) of CAST-IRON DESK STANDARDS for the Department of Public Instruction will be received at the Board's Office up to 4.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, 28th instant. Tender forms and further particulars on application.
A. BERCKELMAN,
(98-84) Secretary and Executive Member.

CARPENTERS and PLUMBERS.—TENDERS invited for 12 (twelve) Cottages. Apply if possible between 9.30 and 10.30 on job, corner Campbell and Little Queen streets, Newtown.
CONTRACTORS desirous tendering for COTTAGE RESIDENCE, Beecroft, are requested to submit their names to E. LINDSAY THOMPSON, Architect, 95 and 84 Sydney Arcade, King-st.
FOR SALE BY TENDER.
THE STOCK AND BOOK DEBTS OF CHARLES E. JOB,
TRADING AS MARKS and CO.,
DRAPERS, PARKES.
INTENDING TENDERERS are reminded that TENDERS for the PURCHASE of the above CLOSE THIS DAY, AT NOON.
STARKEY and STARKEY,
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Sydney, 29th January, 1908.

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TENDERS will be received up to noon on APRIL 15th, 1908, addressed to The Chairman, Municipal Tramways Trust, for the Supply, Delivery, and Erection of Storage Battery. Specification, conditions of contract, and tender form can be obtained on application to the Engineer. The sum of two guineas will be charged per copy of specification, which will be refunded on receipt of bona-fide tender and return of specification. Tenders are to be sealed and endorsed "Tender for Storage Battery." The Trust do not bind themselves to accept any Tender.
By order,
W. G. T. GOODMAN, Engineer.
Offices, Municipal Tramways Trust, 8 King William-street, Adelaide, S.A.
January 29th, 1908.

MASONS.—TENDERS wanted, Rubble Foundations and other Stone Work. Corner of Cook and Francis streets, Randwick.
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SLATES.—Best Bangor and American, all sizes, at the lowest current rates. Estimates given for Slating, Floor and Wall Tiling, Plaster and Plaster of Paris. G. T. CROSS, 2 Bridge-street. T., 4105.

TO BUILDERS.
BUILDERS desirous of Tendering for two COTTAGE RESIDENCES, near Cooma, also for Additions to Hotel at Jindabyne, are invited to send their names to F. SMITH, Architect, 62 Pitt-street, Sydney, or to the undersigned.
G. D. COCHRAN, Architect.
Cooma, 29th January, 1908.

TO BUILDERS, TILE MERCHANTS, AND THE TRADE GENERALLY.
FLOOR TILES FOR SALE, CHEAP.
BAKEWELL BROS., Counter-street, Hurstville.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for erection of Shearing Woolshed at Moree. Plans may be seen at office of undersigned. Tenders close 21st inst.
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TENDERS are invited for Painters' Work, at St. Mary's Presbytery, Sydney. TENDERS CLOSE 5 p.m. NEXT FRIDAY.
Apply Clerk of Works, on building.
TENDERS required for Removal of Plant of the Willoughby Oil Works.
Per particulars call at 183 Riley-st, S.H., between 9 and 10 a.m.
TENDERS for Rubble Foundation. Apply on Job, Redan-st., Mosman's Bay.
TENDERS, Erection Hoarding Board, 18ft long x 10ft high, wooden frame, sheet iron, panel. 217, Herald
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TENDER to Connect two places with Sewer. Apply 70, Hall-st., Balmain East.
TENDERS. Carpenters wanted, for Alterations, 65 Alfred-st, Milson's Point.
TENDERS are invited for Concreting Stables, Crystal Ice Works, Weston-rd, Balmain.
TENDERS for Grading and Asphalting Paths, Cumberland-st, Moseley-st, Millers Point.
TENDERS for Repairs to Fencing, 21 Stanley-st, Kingston. Apply Glenroy, Bruce-st, Stanmore.
TENDERS, FLOOR-LAYING, Silver-st, St. Peters.
TENDERS.—Wanted for Newtown, Roof Tiler, labour only. Apply St. Patrick's College, Manly.
TWO CONCRETERS.—Tenders wanted for about 40cub (lab. only). Rothwell's new store, Pitt-st, Rwd
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TWO Hundred Loads of good BUILDING STONE for Sale. No. 4 O'Connell-st, city.
WANTED, QUOTATION for STEEL CASTINGS, Approximate weight 2 Tons each. Particulars on application to TASMANIAN SMELTING COMPANY, Ltd., ZEEHAN, Tasmania.
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FIAT Bought, or Swap in Exch. Letters att. W. Castle, 61 Raglan-st, Darlton. Tel., 494 Newtown.
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WANTED, old Enamelled Advertising Plates, any quantity. W. Young, 393 Geo.-st, Haymarket.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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NATIONAL ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY.
For the Encouragement of Australian Art, and for the purpose of acquiring Paintings of the less known and more remote scenery of the Commonwealth and New Zealand.
NOTICE TO ARTISTS.
The Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales will consider the purchase of Two or more Works each year (for two years), by Artists resident in the Australian States and New Zealand—to the following values, viz.:—
Not exceeding £100 each for Oil Paintings or pieces of Sculpture.
Not exceeding £25 each for Water Colours.
Note.—This action will in no way interfere with the Trustees' present practice of inspecting the Annual Exhibitions of the Local Art Societies with the view of possible purchases.
SUBJECTS, ETC.—Paintings of Scenery, or subjects in the MORE REMOTE DISTRICTS OF THE VARIOUS STATES AND COLONIES ARE SPECIALLY DESIRED. (Figure Subject and Sculpture excepted.)
ELIGIBLE WORK.—No work will be considered eligible, if it has been previously on public exhibition.
SUBJECTS.—The following Subjects for each year will be as follows, viz.:—1st Year: (1) WATER COLOUR; (1) OIL PAINTING. Subjects: Coastal, River, Landscape, or Marine. 2nd Year: (1) WATER COLOUR; (1) OIL PAINTING OR SCULPTURE. Subjects: Figure and Landscape (combined); Figure—Subject (Painting or Sculpture); Cattle and Landscape Subject (combined); or Pastoral and Agricultural.
SIZE OF WORKS.—No Water Colour Drawing will be admissible which is less than 30in x 22in, or Oil Painting which is less than 50in x 30in, or of a corresponding superficial area, in any other shape.
MOUNTS.—Water Colour Drawings should be suitably mounted with bronze or gilt mounts, not exceeding 6in wide. Frames will not be admissible. Oil Paintings will be admitted with or without frames.
PAINTINGS.—All Paintings must be the bona-fide work and property of the Artist submitting same, and painted expressly for the Trustees.
DELIVERY OF WORKS.—Works should be delivered at this Gallery, FREE OF EXPENSE, not later than June 15th, 1908.
RESPONSIBILITY.—Every care will be taken of the works submitted, but the Trustees will not hold themselves responsible for any damage or loss. Works not accepted will be carefully repacked, and delivered upon presentation of the Artist's order, at the Art Gallery.
SELECTION OF WORKS.—The Trustees will consider the works on their merits, but it must be distinctly understood that they do not bind themselves to accept any one of the works submitted.
THE WYNNE ART PRIZE.—Any works which comply with the following Terms of the Annual Wynne Art Prize will be noted in connection with the award for that Prize:—
This Prize, which is offered for competition each year, was bequeathed by the late Richard Wynne, to be awarded to the Australian artist producing the best landscape painting of Australian Scenery in oils or water colours, or the best example of Figure Sculpture, executed in an Australian sculptor.
(Value of Prize, between £30 and £40.)
G. V. F. MANN,
Secretary and Superintendent.
F. DU FAUR, President. (8c-f)

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE, SYDNEY.
NOTICE TO PUBLIC.
NOTICE is hereby given that the prohibition imposed by the Board some time ago against the use of revolving Sprays, Mechanical Sprinklers, and other similar devices for Watering Lawns, Gardens, etc, is still in force.
The continuance of the drought in an intensified form has rendered this step necessary with a view to economy, and it is requested that all consumers of water will assist by checking undue waste or consumption in any direction whatever.
For the present no objection will be raised to consumers using their water supplies through meters, watering gardens by means of hose, provided same be held in the hand and not fixed.
Water Inspectors have been instructed to report all cases of Waste or undue use, so that further action may be taken.
By order,
WILLIAM HOSKINS, Secretary.
901 Pitt-street, Sydney,
24th Jan., 1908.

GAS COOKERY LECTURE.
AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY'S BRANCH OFFICE AND SHOWROOM,
NO. 266 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), AT 1.30 P.M.
Lecturess, Miss F. B. SWAYNE
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has the honour to announce that he will open the New Season with a GRAND SCONE COOKING COMPETITION on
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SECOND PRIZE, TEN SHILLINGS.
ALL ENTRIES FREE.
Full particulars at the Showrooms,
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NOTE.—ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, FEB. 3.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE SANDFLY COLLIERY COMPANY, Limited, in Liquidation.
The creditors of the abovenamed Company are required on or before the 2nd day of MARCH, 1908, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to SIMON WERTHEIMER, of Hobart, in the State of Tasmania, the Official Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by Notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator are, by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debt or claims at Judges' chambers, Hobart, in Tasmania, at such time as shall be specified in such Notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
MONDAY, the 6th day of APRIL, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.
Dated the 21st day of January, 1908.
ARNOLD WERTHEIMER,
Official Liquidator.
EWING and SEAGER,
Solicitors to the Official Liquidator.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL
On and after 1st FEBRUARY the Business of G. R. EVENY, Rosano and Land Agent, as conducted at 118 Pitt-street, will be REMOVED to
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ARTS.—Undergraduate Sydney University, commencing the third year, would like Engagement afternoon. For particulars, etc., apply ICHABOD, Herald.

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Special Class for little girls under 10 years of age.
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Next Quarter begins February 4th.
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At Paling's;
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

NOTICES.

The "Herald's" Page for Women is published on Wednesdays.

Communications should be addressed to "The Editor, A Page for Women, Herald Office."

Contributions, from women preferred, will be considered. They should not exceed half a column in length.

MY DUTY TO MY NEIGHBOUR.

"What is the use of me taking care, when nobody else does?" is the reply made by almost everyone when remonstrated with about the waste of water.

It is the same illogical reasoning put forth by women on nearly every occasion of public importance. "My vote can't make much difference one way or another," they say at election times, forgetting that every crowd is made up of units, and that each unit is just as important a part of the whole as any other.

Every day the press is full of tragic accounts of drought and fire; rain is predicted again and again, and the black clouds roll up, filling us with hope, only to pass away without leaving enough raindrops to even tickle the earth. So far there is certainly enough in our water supply to prevent any alarm, but unless the rain comes very soon things will be serious. And yet in almost every household the lavish waste of water continues, and no care at all is taken to preserve the precious fluid. People still continue to water their gardens and lawns in spite of all warnings, and always the excuse is, "Everybody else does it, why shouldn't I?"

Certainly it is heartrending to see green lawns change to parched yellow patches, to watch the cherished plants droop and fade, but just as certainly is it criminal to keep plants alive at the expense of human beings. And that is what it may come to yet. Hope is strong that the rain will come before very long; but though it is good to hope it is well to be prepared for the worst, and the best precaution against future want is the avoidance of present waste.

It is not only in the gardens that water is wasted. Hundreds of gallons are daily and unnecessarily in every household; baths are filled lavishly, hands are washed beneath running taps, yards are hosed down just as freely as if the water supply was unending. And this is where the matter becomes a woman's question, for it is only the woman in the home all day who can prevent this wicked prodigality. By a little oversight and carefulness this misuse of water could quickly be checked. If a basin is kept for washing the hands, instead of using the running tap each time, much will be saved during a day. The constant dripping of a tap not properly turned off is another source of wastefulness, and the plunge baths, which are certainly very desirable this weather, are also an extravagance under the existing conditions. It is not our intention to alarm and scare, but the importance of carefulness at the present cannot be too much insisted upon, and it is every woman's duty as a citizen to do her utmost to prevent what may prove to be a national calamity. It rests with the individual, and each woman should remember that her personal action in this matter is of national importance. It is her duty to her neighbour to do her very best—and in this case, as indeed in most cases, her neighbour will prove to be her whole country and indirectly herself.

DOGS VERSUS CHILDREN.

The idle society woman, with her pampered dog or dogs, has furnished many an amusing sketch for comic papers, but when we find high-class papers and periodicals giving full-page illustrations of this or that titled woman's favourite bulldog or dachshund taking its daily motor ride through Hyde Park, clad in a tailor-made coat, and specially-made goggles to protect the darling's eyes, one wonders if the height of absurdity has yet been reached. When the pet dies, from overfeeding and general pampering, it is buried in the Dogs' Cemetery, Hyde Park, given a marble tombstone, with date of birth and death, followed by a verse of sentimental poetry, and even verses from Scripture—one bearing the words "Not one of them is forgotten by God."

To the woman who likes dogs in their proper place—the kennel or out of doors—it is uncomfortable to stay in a house where the dogs are made objects of first consideration. If you object to the creatures in your room, jumping up on your lap to share your afternoon tea, or generally taking liberties, you offend your hostess much more than if you objected to the children doing the same thing. But as a rule there is no chance of meeting the "doggy woman's" children; they are away at some obscure seaside place with an indifferent governess, or ignorant nurse, while mamma takes her pet abroad; and when society takes its walk in the evening you will find her with Fido under her arm, or linked to a chain, probably a gold one.

These women do not seem to remember that the dog who is fed, housed, and clothed like a human being is being cruelly treated, and is as much in need of the services of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as any wandering, half-starved cur who roams the streets.

In America, pigs seem to be counting dogs as favourites amongst women who suffer from "ennui," for not many months ago a banquet was served to a large gathering of fashionable folk, each woman bringing a pig, which was fed from a silver trough, placed on the banqueting table. The event was largely reported, even cabled to Australia, making more sensible women hope that the day will come when the women attending that banquet will blush to think they ever lent themselves to such a shameful display of arrogant wealth. No wonder that in large cities, with their extremes of wealth and poverty, there is intense class bitterness. If these entertainments, worthy of Pagan Rome, but surely a disgrace to our civilisation, were ignored by the press, less harm would be done. It can but increase the bitterness, for half-starved or even hard-working people, to read of large sums squandered on dogs and pigs, when under the very shadows of those banqueting halls children are starving in an atmosphere of vice and crime. Those who watch the sign of the times know that the reckoning day is approaching, and that those on whom life's burden presses most heavily, who toil year in and year out for a mere existence, will not always be patient spectators of such follies. It is but history repeating itself, for in past ages when over-civilisation set in, and amusement, instead of being an incident, was by men made the aim and object of life itself, the beginning of the end was in sight. But later on, when woman—who at this period danced to the tune that man, her master, piped—gave herself up to the follies of the day, then indeed the nation's downfall was complete. Thus fell ancient Greece and Rome, and when we hear of educated and well-born women banqueting animals, and totally ignoring the responsibilities of life, one is tempted to think that the end is in sight for us. Never in the history of the world has man's power been so great as at present, for every day he is entering more and more into his kingdom, as new paths of science and knowledge are opened out ready for his use, and it will be sad to think that when the history of the present age comes to be written it will be recorded that women of the upper classes made so little use of their splendid opportunities that they found time to go into hysterical ecstacies over lost animals, while they were almost strangers to their own children.

MAZEPPA.

PUCK'S GIRDLE.

"I'll put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes."

"Midsummer Night's Dream."

Madame Lisa Lehmann, whose song cycles are so well known to all music lovers, has just composed a group of Nonsense songs, which are to be produced on tour in England, and in which Mr. Reginald Goodd, the Sydney basso, is to take a leading part.

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Sydney people, who were so charmed by the singing of Miss Florence Schmidt (now Mrs. Derwent Wood) some years ago, will be sorry to hear of the serious illness from which she has been suffering. For five months she was too ill to leave her house, but from the latest news she is now well on the way to recovery, and writes that her voice has not been affected at all by her long illness.

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Puccini, the composer of La Boheme, has set to music a song by Louise Mack (Mrs. J. P. Creed). It will be interpolated in his new opera "La Fanciulla della West" ("The Girl from the Golden West").

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The famous picture by Sir Joshua Reynolds of "The Holy Family," which was removed from the British National Gallery 30 years ago, under the belief that it had perished beyond repair, has recently been unearthed, brilliantly restored, and is now hung again.

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After seven quietly successful years in Rowe-street the Women's Club is about to move to more central quarters in Challis House. Unlike the several other clubs for women in Sydney, the Women's Club exists for no other reason than the use and convenience of its members. It is simply a club in the old sense of the word, where members can meet, and read, write, or talk with their friends. But though it has no definite object of labour the benefit derived by members in their intercourse with each other is inestimable. In the club rooms women of many different tastes and occupations meet on an equal ground, and that in itself must be a liberal education. Without doubt a great deal of the success of the Women's Club has been due to its presidents. The late Lady Beaumont was the first president, and her successors have been Lady Fanshawe, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. David, and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Hughes. The connection of such names with any movement spells success, and when it is remembered that each president has taken a deep personal interest in the club it can readily be understood why it has escaped the fate of preceding women's clubs. The club rooms will be closed from January 30 to February 3, to allow for the removing.

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The latest news from Chicago tells us that Miss Miles Franklin is engaged as secretary to a woman of great wealth, whose sociological and philanthropic work gives the young Australian writer an opportunity of seeing a side of American life which is not usually seen by the stranger.

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Madame Rosa Bird is at present staying at the Australia Hotel. Although she has spent so many years in the old world, and has encircled the globe since she left these shores, her heart had always turned towards Australia, and she looks forward to seeing all her old friends at the hotel any afternoon this week.

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Although several attempts have been made at different times to interest French women in club life, the efforts have hitherto been quite unsuccessful. But judging from the brilliancy of the opening of the newly formed Paris Lyceum Club it seems as if this latest venture is to be the notable exception. The club is modelled on the London Lyceum Club as far as possible, and is organised by English women who have had experience in the administration of women's clubs, but the committee, which is presided over by the Duchesse d'Uzes, is comprised mainly of French women. Society women, who were taken by friends to the opening, were prepared to smile at the attempt to found a women's club in Paris, says the "Gentlewoman," but they were soon interested not only in the reading rooms, restaurant, and bedrooms, but in the distinguished committee. They saw here a field for making acquaintance with the authors of the most successful books, and painters of talent, of women in fact whom they would be proud to know.

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Girls studying in Paris are often exposed to much suffering and danger if their supply of money gives out, and the lack of a friend in need at such a time may mean shipwreck to a girl's career. A particularly pathetic case occurred recently, and as the girl was an American, the American colony in Paris has taken up the matter vigorously. It is reported that already four clubs for girls have sprung up, under the patronage of wealthy Americans; that Miss Helen Gould is about to start another on a large scale, and a syndicate of rich American women married to Frenchmen—presided over by the Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld—will open and maintain a sixth. It is predicted that by the end of this year every American girl student in Paris can have cheap and comfortable quarters in one of these clubs, and the management will keep in communication with parents and relatives, and will care for the girls if they are ill or their money runs out.

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Louisa M. Alcott's old home in Concord, U.S. (writes the "Woman's Journal") is now silent and deserted, in among a tangle of overgrown shrubs, unpruned trees, and wayward creepers on the Lexington-road. The roof is grey with lichens, the paint, formerly mustard brown, is dark from age, the windows are blank, and a sign "For Sale" bars the door, once open to every visitor.

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The "Century Magazine" is about to publish a series of essays by Miss Helen Keller which, it is said, will be the most interesting things written by that interesting woman. The essays will be published under the title of "Sense and Sensibility," and in them Miss Keller will describe how, by analogy and correspondence, she gets her ideas of sight and hearing in the dark world where her five senses are reduced to the three of touch, taste, and smell.

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The memory of the late Empress of Austria is dearly cherished amongst the Hungarian women, and a museum to perpetuate her memory has long been planned by the noble-women of that country. They have now persuaded the Emperor Francis Joseph to order all the objects relating to the late Empress to be collected, and presented to the Hungarian National Museum, where they will form a separate exhibit.

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The Teddy bear, which has been such a popular toy this Christmas time, was invented by an American woman law graduate, who is described as being "an accomplished woman, and joint heiress in an estate of 90 million dollars."

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In a recent number of the new English woman-suffrage paper, "Votes for Women," is a letter from Olive Schreiner, in which she says:—"Our movement goes on slowly but surely here (South Africa). The attitude of men is so liberal on the question in this country that I should not be surprised if we had the franchise within a few years without any struggle."

The first is a serviceable style for a cool morning blouse of hand-embroidered linen. The rolling collar and reversed cuffs that finish the three-quarter sleeves are finished with buttonholed scallops, with embroidered dots or eyelets above.
The second is an effective design for a skirt of linen lawn, hand-embroidered as illustrated. The short bishop sleeve is finished with a small scalloped cuff to match the standing collar.

"KEEP YOUR HEAD."

I am finishing my breakfast just prior to attending the mid-summer drapery sales. With unswerving fidelity I have attended mid-season sales for upwards of 15 years, and for exactly a corresponding period I have said that I would not do it any more; however, the hope which triumphs over experience again possesses me, and I am going to-day "just for the last time." I knew I would go to the sales to-day. I knew it last night, when Dossis Middleton brought in that damaged silk she had got for 6d a yard. A species of panic had seized me, and in a moment all the world had become hostile, and subconsciously I adopted the mental attitude of a wild thing at bay, a trapped beast amid the great silence, a small bird caged with a python. I knew then that to-day the sales would mark me for their own—that attitude of mind is a sure forerunner of the biannual madness. I go to look up something in Wednesday's "Woman's Page" in the "Herald," and as I do so my eye falls on the words "The first rule about shopping at a sale is to keep your head." To keep your head! Of course! I never thought of that before. I invariably lose my head at the sales, and that explains the dismal failures they have been in the past. I will keep my head to-day, and my tour of the shops will be that of an onlooker, who sees the best of the game. I'll be Nero at the burning of Rome.

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My head is perfectly cool, my temperature normal. I know exactly what I want, and I'll insist on getting it, or go without. I'll shop to-day on technical lines; a thing which, I believe, has never been tried before.

I arrive, to find a solid block of women squeezing in and out at the entrance, with most of them ingoing, for the day is young. I encounter an outcoming one in the block, and we both stop dead, like two ants meeting on the kitchen dresser. Then chivalry prompts her to step to the left, me to the right. A false move, we decide, so we both step each in her opposite direction, which keeps us still facing, and still at a deadlock. I stand still in a dignified manner to let her pass. So does she! Then we recommence our manoeuvres, and chassez in front of one another until, impelled by the same thought, we stand and gaze pensively at each other again. I feel afraid that my day is commencing inauspiciously, and that the instructions to keep one's head were never meant to stand the wear and tear of a bloodless encounter at a jammed shop-door. Our period of inaction passed; we recommence to chassez, with the crowds growing denser around us. A baby in the immediate rear has squeezed five wet exploring fingers down my collar, but the patience of woman holding it has evidently begun to wear thin and fray at the edges, for she suggests a variety with "Ladies in the centre. Gents, set to corners." Just then, thanks to the enormous pressure from behind, I get past the woman for whom I have been executing a pas seul, and am precipitated into the shop like the stone from David's sling. So far, so good, I think triumphantly, and then I begin to wonder how it is that I had not known before that there were so many women in Sydney, or, for the matter of that, in the whole world, as there are congregated at the counters and around the bargain tables, buzzing like a swarm of hostile bees. A shop-walker bears down on me, and I realise the absolute necessity of keeping my head, as I tell him gently but firmly that gloves are my destination. He leads the way, and as we pass a table of imitation oak frames, and glass ink-bottles upholding antlers, there is a perceptible pause on the part of my escort. But I remain cool, and reiterate "Gloves" in tones of utter finality. However, when we get as far as the table with the lace collarettes, he distinctly stops. "Charming collarettes, madam; slightly soiled; only 1s 11½d; before the sale they were 2s 3½d."

In their most pristine days I have always regarded even the cleanest lace collarette as a relic of barbarism; nay, more, a survival of the days when the labyrinthodon and the teleosarius roamed the earth. But a soiled collarette—! They are cheap, though. Fancy, only 1s 11½d; and, why, here is one, no two, with hardly a mark on them; they must have got in by mistake. I buy these two, keeping what small blemishes they possess well before the saleswoman's eye, in case she realises that there had been a mistake. The obliging walker signs about 50 books while I get my change. "Gloves," I reiterate firmly as we start off on our wild career, forcing our way among a 500-ton pressure of women. I feel a trifle heady over my coup among the collarettes as I wait my turn at the glove counter, where it appears all Sydney is being fitted. The women are four deep, and standing, but the walker evidently sees there are possibilities about me, for he despatches a Mr. Jones to wait on me at once. "Show me those white suede you advertise in this morning's paper at 2s 11d, reduced from 9s 6d." (You see I am quite composed and know exactly what I want. I am keeping my head in a remarkable degree. Mr. Jones burrows among some boxes, and turns to me, looking pained. "Had completely out of the white suede, but we have here a charming make in fawn-dressed, black stitchings, six buttons—a really excellent line; only a few pairs left. Yesterday we opened up 12 dozen pairs, and how, madam, you are fortunate in securing a pair at all." Mr. Jones seems, with his tongue, to have solved the mystery of perpetual motion, so I break in: "I never wear six-button gloves; they make one's arm look atrophied. What size are they?"

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"Oh, but, my dear madam, you must be aware that in a really good glove you can take a couple of sizes larger—they do not stretch like the interior; and, as they cling to the hand in graceful curves and show off every movement, they can do with being a shade on the large side. There is a great art in the chosing of a glove, and to know a soft finish, to recognise a flexibility of the texture, is the work of an expert. I strongly advise you to get the glove a couple of sizes larger; and, of course, being summer, they will err in the right direction in being easy, this make. . . ."

Even an enthusiastic salesman will occasionally get breathless in times of immense pressure, but though the torrent of his words stops while he gathers himself together for further and sustained effort, I do not heed it. I stand hypnotised into absolute incapacity for coherent thought, and all I can do is to wonder dumbly at the marvellous tide of eloquence which flows over me like nice oil out of a nice bottle.

"You'll never regret your purchase," Mr. Jones is remarking when I awoke, and I notice in a detached sort of a way that he is wrapping up a pair of large gloves of a mustardy hue, and adorned with six superb buttons. He hands me some change, by which I become obliquely aware that I had paid for the monstrosities, and they were not a gift from the establishment, grateful that people would carry them away in a little dashed from the lone hand which had been played by Mr. Jones, but I focus my thoughts once more on the next item I require—some silk same as Dossie's of the previous evening. Evidently people who buy reduced silks are in point of numbers positively terrifying. Every woman is excited and eager, and grasps her intended purchase fiercely against the onslaught of the others, as though she would guard its undimmed lustre with her life. In spite of myself the spirit of the gamble enters me, and I, too, fight and jostle, elbow and snarl with the best. There is something soul-satisfying to a woman in damaged lengths of silk; there is something almost ennobling in the stern repression it has to exercise so as not to see the bilge-water marks on a salvage stock, to studiously avoid the casualties and moth holes in the middle fold, and to bear with the spits and ravellings caused by a too highly strung quality. These forbearances cannot but have a beneficial effect on the character, teaching self-control and lofty tolerance. I buy a large quantity of the silk, and at the same counter acquire some patent darners, a bundle of pink tape—which is certainly very cheap—and possibly will boil white—a pair of machine-knitted baby's boo-tees, and quite a lot of spangled gauze for—well, I'm not quite sure what for. By now I have grown reckless. A fig for all the advice ever penned. Keep my head, indeed! I am letting it with a vengeance as I turn around me, and my tour through the shop is a triumphal progress punctured at every counter with stoppages for fresh purchases. Sometimes when my latest achievement is more garishly banal, and hopelessly, idiotically useless than usual, my conscience lifts a feeble hand. But I beat the monster down, and add to the tissue paper parcels depending from every finger—a set of turkey-twill-and-white-china-shirt-button table mats, a three-decker pen and pencil box with comforting roses painted on the lid, two dozen yards of muslin at 2s 11d the dozen, some remnants of carpet, three plaster busts of the Queen, all devoted to a sitting hen—these I think very unique, although what relation a sitting hen has to butter I do not quite see—a large enamel teapot in case I ever go out camping, some odd cups, a dozen handkerchiefs with blue lions rampant on them, several floating veils, and a dozen fringe sets. I do not quite know what I am going to do with any of these things, but they are sure to come in for something. The gloves, of course, are quite impossible, and the silk splits shockingly whenever I peep in to admire it. But the mats will be handy for the servant's table, and I'm told they last a lifetime.

As I sit here gloating over them all I realise that no human on the wall will ever be headed by mortal woman. Mid-season sales are to her what a juggin with fate is to the gambler, the rush through the blue to the aeronaut, the swoop on its prey to the hawk. The lust for possession, whether it be of gold, of supremacy, or of a length of damaged silk, holds each in its leash, and in useless possession a woman sees testimony to the strategy, finesse, and powers of endurance she has to put forth in its acquisition. She has torn her honours, barren though they may be, from the teeth of opposition, and each bit of chipped china or yard of worm-eaten collarette—! They are cheap, though. Fancy, only 1s 11½d; and, why, here is one, no two, with hardly a mark on them; they must have got in by mistake. I buy these two, keeping what small blemishes they possess well before the saleswoman's eye, in case she realises that there had been a mistake. The obliging walker signs about 50 books while I get my change. "Gloves," I reiterate firmly as we start off on our wild career, forcing our way among a 500-ton pressure of women. I feel a trifle heady over my coup among the collarettes as I wait my turn at the glove counter, where it appears all Sydney is being fitted. The women are four deep, and standing, but the walker evidently sees there are possibilities about me, for he despatches a Mr. Jones to wait on me at once. "Show me those white suede you advertise in this morning's paper at 2s 11d, reduced from 9s 6d." (You see I am quite composed and know exactly what I want. I am keeping my head in a remarkable degree. Mr. Jones burrows among some boxes, and turns to me, looking pained. "Had completely out of the white suede, but we have here a charming make in fawn-dressed, black stitchings, six buttons—a really excellent line; only a few pairs left. Yesterday we opened up 12 dozen pairs, and how, madam, you are fortunate in securing a pair at all." Mr. Jones seems, with his tongue, to have solved the mystery of perpetual motion, so I break in: "I never wear six-button gloves; they make one's arm look atrophied. What size are they?"

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BASKETRY.

Basketry, or the art of weaving reeds and grasses into shape, is both fascinating and easy; for if blind people can become adepts at it, those who can use their eyes should not find it difficult to become at least as expert in the art. The work has become almost a craze in England at the present time, but there they mostly use raffia, which is imported from Madagascar. The material should be readily procured at any kindergarten centre, needlework depots, or the shops of the basket-makers. In England it is sold by the drapers. There are, however, many reeds and grasses to be found in the scrub and bush around Sydney which can be prepared for use by anyone who cares to take a little trouble. The reeds or grasses when gathered must be well washed and dried in the sun. If they should become too stiff they should be soaked in boiling water to render them pliant.

There are many "stitches" in the work, but weaving is simplest of all. A mat of reeds is the easiest to begin with. Take eight reeds of the desired size (about nine inches long is a good mat), and place them side by side in two sets of four each; put those on the right-hand over those on the left, crossing them at right angles; keep them in this position with the thumb and first finger of the left hand. Then get a long reed, and use it as a weaver.

Hold the weaver firmly at the back of the crossed reeds, and with the other hand twist it over the four reeds at the top and under the reeds at the right side, working from left to right, and so on, right round. Having thus started your foundation, take the weaver round once more the same way. Then, in the next round, separate the four reeds into twos, weaving first under and then over each pair. Continue for four rounds in this way, and then separate the radial reeds into singles, weaving over and under alternately, as before, until the desired size is attained. The weaver must be held firmly between the thumb and first finger of the right hand, close up to each succeeding row. See that the reeds are evenly spaced in the foundation, or the work will be irregular and unsightly. If the weaver should prove defective, or not long enough, a new one can be inserted at the back of the spokes, allowing it to lap over the end of the old one by an inch or so.

To finish the mat, cut off the ends of the spokes evenly all round, but leaving two or three inches of their ends projecting. The starting end of the weaver is held in place by slipping it in and out of the woven strands.

This is the principle upon which all basketry work is done, though two or more weavers may be used, of different colours if you wish, and the reeds or grasses worked into any design desired; but design and colour are matters for the worker's own taste. Any colour can be imparted to the reeds or grasses by means of Judson's or other dyes.

Weaving grasses is very interesting, but needs more practice. There are three stitches to be learned, and then one can go ahead. The "buttonhole stitch" is mostly used, and is made by slipping a double strand of grass over a reed and drawing the ends through the loop. The knot must be firm, but not too tight.

"Chain-stitch" is made by looping the grass. Twist one strand over another and draw it down, always making a loop inside the last one; pull the end firmly as the chain is formed. This needs some practice.

In open work wrap the reed with one of the grasses; bend the covered portion into the smallest possible circle, and fasten off with a loop. Work the grass with a packing needle evenly over this circle or coil, so as to make a ring. Start the grass from this circle over the reed and back into the circle at whatever space you wish to be open. This gives the hem-stitch effect. Pass the needle, with the grass, over the reed to the right in front, crossing the stitch through to the left at the back; and so the open work is produced.

The next thing to learn are the over-hand knots. Draw the grass first to the right, and then through a loop, upward to the left. This gives the so-called knot.

When these stitches have been mastered one can do any design whatever—stars, diamonds, lozengers, Grecian key, or what not. Always remember to put the ends of the weavers well in at the back, so that they cannot work loose, and when working a design such as those mentioned always use an uneven number of radial reeds, and take care to keep the centre stationary.

Directions such as these may appear somewhat difficult to follow without illustrations to explain them, but the difficulty is easily overcome directly one sets to work, for in basketry, as in everything else, common sense must be brought to bear on the working. After a few attempts, should obstacles arise, a glance at some completed piece of basketwork will smooth the way, and to the persevering there will be the reward of having mastered a simple, useful, and interesting pastime.

R. R.

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

S.K.—Your sketch of "the hoprers" was too late. An article on the same matter had just appeared in another part of the paper.

F.J.—"Summer Symphony" treats of a subject which has already been written about several times in this page.

Trudie.—"Xanne" not up to the mark.

M.W.—An article on the same subject is at present in type, so we must regretfully refuse.

E.C.—The three other articles were refused, and as you sent no stamps for their return they were consigned to the W.P.B.

Eunice.—The suggestions for "My Own Invention" column need not actually the sender's own invention, but should be fresh, which she has from personal experience found useful, and which are not to be found in every cookery book or household guide.

Watcher.—What you write is a reiteration of an article which appeared on this page quite recently.

U.K.—Your rather scathing remarks apply to fashion all the world over, so why should our Sydney girls be made the subject of your sermon?

B.B.—We quite agree with you in all you say of Miss Rose Scott, but as we seldom print verse your eulogistic poem must reach her by some other source.

I.Y.—The drive you describe is so well known that it requires very special treatment to invest it with a new glamour.

"Prevue" would like to know if there is any attention attached to the procedure. Perhaps some of our readers could enlighten her on the subject.

MY OWN INVENTION.

A GOOD GRAVY.

When I first commenced housekeeping the making of good gravy to serve with roast mutton and lamb was a great trouble to me, but at last I hit on the following method:—

I take the shank of the leg or shoulder, as the case may be, remove and cut up all the meat, place it in a small saucepan and cover it with water. I then put the saucepan on top of the gas oven or at the side of a coal stove, where the contents will heat slowly to simmering point—the more slowly the better. When the joint is cooked I pour all the fat from the baking dish, retaining any sediment there may be, dredge in some flour, stir in gently the gravy from the saucepan, and then let it simmer for a couple of minutes to cook the flour. If lumpy it should be strained and reheated.

It is possible that gravy is made in this way by other housekeepers, but as far as I am concerned it is my own invention.—T.E.

THE SUNDAY DINNER.

The Sunday's dinner is often a problem, and many people now cook their joint on Saturday to be quite sure of its keeping. Well, I never do. When it comes on Saturday evening I put it in a large flour bag, which I tie tightly round a meat hook (previously inserted in the joint) and then hang up under a tree, in the verandah, or on the clothes line—anywhere out of reach of stray cats and dogs, but right in the air. On Sunday morning take it in before the sun gets on it, and keep it in the coolest place you have. When going to cook it, if it smells the least bit "muggy," wash it well in plenty of cold water in which you have mixed a couple of tablespoonfuls of vinegar or a very little Condy's fluid—just enough to make the water a clear pink. Then when you cook your meat you will find it beautifully tender and juicy, unless it has been hanging where little flies could rest on it. If so you will find that even through a bag they have managed to absorb all the moisture out of your meat, and left it dry and tasteless.—THOMPSON.

WASHING WITHOUT BOILING.

Take half a pound of common soap, on a teaspoonful of spirits of ammonia (not cloudy ammonia), one tablespoonful of turpentine. Shred the soap into three pints of cold water and put on the fire. When the soap is quite dissolved add the ammonia and turpentine, and while still hot pour the mixture into a tub three-parts full of clean cold water. Mix well until quite frothy, then pack into the tub all the white clothes and let it stand for 24 to 48 hours. Then rinse in the usual way, when the dirt is removed with a minimum of rubbing. Coloured clothes only need two or three hours' soaking. Common soap only to be used, and the spirits of ammonia may be bought in pint bottles, priced 2d.—M.S.

HOW TO USE BEEF DRIPPING INSTEAD OF BUTTER.

Batter Pudding.—When making a batter pudding to eat with roast beef put one tablespoonful of beef dripping in a basin, beat it to a cream, add to the flour, eggs, and milk, beat all together, add baking powder before putting in the oven. Eats just like sponge cake.

Haricot Beans.—Before cooking haricot beans soak all night. Put them down next day with water to cover a bit of soda the size of a pea and one dessertspoonful of beef dripping. Boil till tender, strain, and scatter chopped parsley over just before serving.

Very Light Pastry.—Before putting the dripping in the flour beat the dripping to a cream with the white of an egg and brush the pastry over with the beaten yolk before putting in the oven.—T.M.G.

A HANDY BED TABLE.

If a child is sick and the mother too busy to give it undivided attention a simple contrivance for making a table across the bed, on which to hold toys, books, or even the tray may be made as follows:—For an upright take a piece of ordinary packing-case 22in long and about 3in wide. Fasten at each end a crosspiece of same material about 15in long. At the height of the iron side bar of the bed screw on to the upright a wooden button cut just enough away to grip the iron and so keep the post quite steady. Across the bed, with one end resting on this upright, and the other on a bandbox, small box, or pillow, place a spare leaf of the dining table or other similar board. The patient, if growing tired of sitting up, will be able to slip down and lie quite snugly under this table without in any way disturbing it, and thus is able to help and amuse himself. When it has served its purpose it can be easily removed.—"BUSY BEE."

THE HAPPY HOUSEWIFE.

ANOTHER COOKERY BOOK.

The "Colonial Everyday Cookery Book," which has just appeared in its fifth edition, avoids a mistake which is made by so many books on the gentle art. It does not take for granted that the reader can cook, and is only in need of new recipes. The girl most ignorant of cooking could prepare a dinner from this book, for it begins at the very beginning, and tells you exactly how to do everything. There are careful and minute directions for the making of stock and soup, the roasting, baking, and boiling of meat, the preparing of jellies, creams, and other sweet dishes. There are simple and clear rules for cake-making and the heat of the oven for baking the cakes; rules for carving which should prove useful to many a woman, and a special chapter on vegetables cookery which contains some very appetising recipes. The following recipes for using fruit from the chapter on puddings should prove acceptable this weather, when even the healthiest appetite needs tempting:—

(1) PINEAPPLE PUDDING.

1 Small pine	2 or 3 eggs
Thin slices of stale bread	½-pint milk
Sugar to taste	Lemon juice

Slice the pineapple thinly, and lay in a pie dish in alternate layers with the bread soaked in the syrup. Sprinkle sugar and lemon juice between the layers. Beat up yolks of eggs, and pour these, mixed with the milk, over the layers. Bake one hour in a moderate oven. Whip up whites of eggs stiffly with a little sugar, and place on the top. Set back in oven to brown slightly.

(2) EGYPTIAN PEARS.

Peel 1lb of stewing pears and core them. Place dates (washed and stoned) in the centre of each pear. Put the fruit in a jar with a few extra dates. Pour about a wineglass full of flavoured syrup over them, and stew in a very slow oven for a long time till they are cooked through. Serve with thick cream.

(3) AMBER PUDDING.

Peel and core six apples, and stew them with a little syrup made from the peels and cores and the rind of a lemon. When cooked pulp them, and add one tablespoonful of butter. Beat up the yolks of three eggs and mix with pulp, and place in a piedish, edged with puff paste. Bake till the pastry is done, then whip the whites of the eggs stiffly with sugar and flavouring, and pile on top. Place again in the oven to set.

(4) PEACH CREAM.

½ pint peach pulp	½ pint cream
½ cup sliced peaches	½ oz leaf gelatine
½ a lemon	¼ pint milk or water
Sugar to taste	

Pulp the peaches and rub through a sieve. Add sugar to taste, and the grated rind and juice of half lemon. Mix in the whipped cream gradually, and then stir in the gelatine (dissolved in the hot milk or water) when it is cool. Keep stirring, and when beginning to set add the sliced fruit and pour at once into a wet mould. Put in a cool place to set firm.

AUSTRALIANS ABROAD.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Many of the Rhodes scholars have been in London during the past week enjoying various hospitalities. The latest report of their doings at Oxford is now to hand, from which it appears that seven of the scholars achieved special distinction during the year, of whom five are Australians. Thus J. V. Behan (Melbourne), after winning many distinctions in law, including the Vinerian law scholarship and the Eldon law scholarship, has now been appointed law lecturer at University College. W. A. Barton (Sydney) gained a first-class in his final law examinations, and has been awarded the Vinerian scholarship. R. L. Robinson (Adelaide) took a first-class in natural science finals, and has won the Burdett-Coutts scholarship for natural science. J. A. Thomson (New Zealand), having won the Burdett-Coutts scholarship for geology, was recently appointed lecturer in natural science at his own college (St. John's). J. L. Walker obtained a second-class in law finals, and won a Bacon scholarship at Gray's Inn.

Mr. J. J. Virgo, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Sydney, has been spending Christmas here with Sir Albert Spicer. He has been much impressed by the spread of the Y.M.C.A. work in America, and recently gave an account of it to a company gathered together in London by Lord Kinnaird, president of the English National Council. Mr. Virgo leaves for Sydney next week, via Paris and Switzerland, where, at Geneva, on January 2, he will attend the opening session of the world's committee of Y.M.C.As.

Professor Carslaw, of Sydney University, has arrived in London.

The death is announced of Mr. Luscombe Searelle, whose comic operas used to entertain Sydney people years ago.

Sir Philip and the Misses Sydney Jones are at Bournemouth preparatory to a few weeks' stay in Switzerland.

Lieutenant Rawson, R.N., and Mrs. Rawson have arrived.

Mrs. Davis and Miss Julia Caroll gave a musical "at home" last week. Mme. Mary Conly is making frequent oratorio appearances in London and the provinces. Mr. Reginald Goodd goes on a provincial tour in February, as a member of Mme. Liza Lehmann's quartette party.

Mr. Joseph Bradley, the conductor-elect of the Sydney Philharmonic Society, was entertained at dinner by the Glasgow Society of Musicians last week. Many prominent local musicians bore testimony to the abilities and personal qualities of their departing confrere.

THE PLACE OF PEACE.

Which, as all the world knows, is Ruskin for home.

Elbert Hubbard, our philosopher over the water, says—

"The first home was made when a woman, cradling in her loving arms a baby, crooned a lullaby."

To entertain the Ruskin resolution it is not absolutely essential to hold fast to the Hubbardian one. As a matter of sentiment, it may be. But there will ever remain a (not very small) contingent who shake sad heads over baby, croon song and all; dogmatising them as jarring elements in the place of peace.

"It takes," says Hubbard, "two to make a home." Not any two. Not just any man with any woman. But two lovers.

The lover, the young Benedick, does his share gleefully, gladly. The splendour and the solace of having his own grass borders to clip, his own front door to slam, his own paradise to be lord and guardian of, has such appealing force to him that he requires no persuasions known as duty's call to cause him to make a home.

And the girl—the woman? She is joyous, too, bubbling over with joyousness probably (or she should be). But how important she is! How serious is the sweet silences of early married life! It is because she is realising that she has stepped into her sphere; that the very greatest thing in the world, and the one that will matter beyond all others, has been given her to do.

And the days creep on, creep on apace. A whole year, two whole years, lie in the abyss where the dead days lie.

Perhaps the earth has laughed again over yet another child born. Perhaps the tiny cradle has never been decked; perhaps it never will be, save in imagination and with tears. But—there it stands, the little "tryst," built to keep the world out in hours when it is most important it should be kept out.

Perhaps Benedick has wearied of the limitations of his own four walls; against their encroachments and imperfections. Perhaps the stress of life has intervened; perhaps, in fine, he has tired of the weaving of the nest.

Even so. He may be permitted to slacken in zeal, to lose ardour, to find ennui even.

But the girl, the woman, never. Her sphere is home. Forgetfulness, boredom, negligence, are not for her. Her cares and duties may, and assuredly will, multiply unto seventy times seven; the world may intervene, carking care harass, mighty ambition beckon. Still, and in spite of all, her own particular woman's work, in her own peculiar place of peace, demands her best in enthusiasm, in love, and in culture—demands the best of her head, heart, and hands.

"Wherever a true wife comes, this home is always around her. The stars only may be ever her head; the glow-worm in the night-grass may be the only fire at her foot; but home is yet wherever she is."

The harassed Martha, the wife whose lips curve with a martyr's smile, the superlative creature too "bright and good for human nature's daily food," the inert, the slothful, the unwomanly, the cold-hearted, the dull-headed, the bitter-lipped, must all fail, surely, inevitably.

In so far as love, and cheerfulness, and peace, and law and order are absent from the little shelter-shed on life's common, in so far is it just not home.

"So far" says Ruskin, "as the anxieties of the outer life penetrate into it, and the inconsistently-minded, unknown, unlovely, or hostile society of the outer world is allowed by either husband or wife to cross the threshold, it ceases to be home; it is then only a part of that outer world which you have roofed over and lighted fire in."

And home sickness?

Wander away from the place of peace, let your feet carry you into the flower-garden of the world, into its market-places; fare forth shoulder to shoulder with voyagers, carry your "knapsack" into other homes. Be as gay, as careless, as the veriest butterfly. Be as sombre-minded as the most learned philosopher, and yet—and yet!—in the midst of doing that which you love doing, in the midst of having that which you have longed for most, your thoughts will flash, by reason of a scent, a sound, a song, a look, half the world away into the abyss of that ideal yesterday, where its home nest swings.

What is it that suffocates you then—that blinds you, that rends you? Is there any other pain in all the pain of the world like it—home sickness?

PEPITA.

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MEETINGS.

NEWTOWN ELECTORATE.—ROBERT HOLLIS, M.L.A., will address his Constituents on THURSDAY, Jan. 30th, 8 p.m., Camden and King streets, Newtown, on the Political Situation and the Local Government Bill. Mr. J. H. Stephenson, General Secretary Railway Traffic Employees' Association, and Treasurer Grand Council Railway and Tramway Union, will also speak.

AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION. To assist persons who have been discharged cured from Hospitals for the Insane. Patron: His Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson.—Annual MEETING will be held THIS DAY (Wednesday), January 29, at 8 o'clock p.m., at the Y.M.C.A. HALL, SYDNEY. BUSINESS: General, and Election of Office-bearers for the current year. All friends and sympathisers with this movement are cordially invited to attend.

His Honor Sir WILLIAM OWEN will preside.

EMILY D. PATERSON, Rockend, Gladesville. Hon. Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND BLACK CHAPTER OF N.S.W. —Adjourned MEETING, TO-NIGHT, 7.30, Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street. Balance-sheet and Report. E. MOREMON, Grand Registrar.

A MEETING of the Dairymen of St. George will be held at Thornley's Hotel, at 8 p.m., Saturday.

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY, 145 York-street, Sydney.

The Thirty-seventh Annual General MEETING of the Members of this Society will be held at the Society's Office, 145 York-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of February, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon.

To receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1907.

To elect one Director and one Auditor; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

By order of the Board.

ERNEST J. ELLIS, Manager.

N.B.—Candidates for the office of Director or Auditor must give 14 days' notice thereof in writing to the Manager.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-seventh Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Registered Offices thereof, No. 66 Pitt-street, Sydney THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 29th January instant, at 12 o'clock noon.

To receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half-year ending 31st December, 1907.

To Elect Two Auditors in the room of Messrs. William Bigg and H. Trevena Russell, who retire in conformity with the Articles of Association, and are eligible for re-election.

And to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

R. W. HUDSON, Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 16th HALF-YEARLY MEETING (the 19th of the old Company) will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 5 Jetty, Circular Quay, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, January 30, at Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to December 31, 1907; and to elect two Directors in lieu of F. T. Taylor, Esq., and W. C. Goddard, Esq., and one Auditor, in lieu of David Pell, Esq., C.A.A., all of whom retire but are eligible for re-election, and have given the requisite notice, and for such other business as may be brought forward at the meeting in terms of the Articles of Association. By order of the Board.

January 14, 1908. W. G. TODD, Manager.

NOTE.—The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from Jan. 17, 1908, until after the meeting, in terms of Clause 29 of the Articles of Association.

THE UNITED CLERKS' UNION will meet TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, in the Trades Hall, Goulburn-street. Business, General.

R. J. STUART-ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec.

LECTURES.

SWEDENBORG DAY, Jan. 29th.—THIS EVENING the anniversary of the Birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg, a Memorial Lecture on,

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II.

Carter had just time to get into his galley before Vaiti appeared with a piece of cold yam, or what looked like it, and ordered him to heat it up and put it with the chicken. Now, Carter knew all about that yam. It was no yam at all, but an orchid root, lately discovered on Iorana, which possessed the peculiar property of paralysing the mental functions of the person who ate it. For an hour or two afterwards that person would be as if hypnotised, living, moving, and speaking, but incapable of originating an idea of his own, and obeying, as one in a trance, the orders of whoever spoke to him. It was a strange root, and might have made a legitimate fortune for its finders, only for the fact that there was hardly any of it on the island; indeed, it was the very last scrap that Vaiti had brought out of her cabin.

This, placed with cunning arrangement round the tender chicken that formed the principal dish of the supper, was to effect the "shanghaiing" to which Tempest, perhaps not quite correctly, had referred. They did not purpose to carry the Commissioner off with them, and the kidnap is the main point of the true shanghai.

Call it by any name, however, it would do the Commissioner's business equally well.

It will thus be understood that Mr. Mapes's precautions about the beer were not likely to be of much service to him. Still, there is always the unexpected in every plan concocted by the wit of woman or man. The unexpected in this case turned out to be the circumstance that Mr. Mapes enjoyed the chicken so much (his own fowls being sickly, skinny birds) that he scarcely touched the yam at all. Still, the root was a powerful one, and he had tasted it. Vaiti hoped for the best.

"You like come on deck?" she asked, supper over. The fresher air above would help the working of the root, she knew. She was not the least bit troubled about the morality of the transaction, which indeed was white beside some in which her pretty fingers had dabbled. Mr. Mapes was to suffer no harm at all, and everyone, according to her ideas, would benefit. It was cooler on deck, and the stars shone large and bright above the black heads of the palms. They had all supped well, and business on the whole was good. It must be said that both the adventurers felt in a peaceful and happy frame of mind.

Mr. Mapes, fed and rested, felt peaceful, too. His duty would not be difficult to perform. These people were surely not so black as they had been painted; he did not think they would give him any trouble. All the same he congratulated himself on not having drunk.

What was that?

Only a slight dizziness—a feeling of stupor and confusion—something he could not have described, and would certainly never have thought of noticing under any other circumstances. But, in the suspicious surroundings where he now found himself——

There it was was again—faint but unmistakable. It was beyond doubt the working of some drug. If so——

Mapes was a man of action. He wasted not a second after the truth had become manifest to him, but sprang like a skipping fish to the forward end of the deckhouse, on which stood the ship's fire buckets, filled, according to custom, with salt water to prevent shrinkage. One of these he took in both hands, and had drunk a good quart before anyone realised what he was doing. Then he bolted to the side of the schooner, and in a minute or two was exceedingly ill.

"You damned villain," he found time to ejaculate between his paroxysms. "You've——you've hocussed me. I'll have you——"

Further utterance was temporarily checked.

By-and-by, pale, weak on his legs, but resolute, the Commissioner advanced.

"I know what you're up to!" he declared, shaking his small fist in the face of the tall woman and taller man before him. "You're gun running or gunpower running. You won't do it—not by a street you won't. I'll have you——"

Here the Commissioner broke off, and caught his breath in a momentary indraw of horror. Vaiti, standing at the break of the poop, above the yawning hatch on the main deck, had taken the burning cigar out of her mouth, and tossed it all glowing among the oases of the hold. A ghastly silence fell upon the party. The moon was just up, and they could see each other's faces—the Commissioner's wavering between doubt and fear, Vaiti's cool and a little mocking, Tempest's hard as carved marble, in the greatest test that his courage had ever had to face. He knew that Vaiti was making a tremendous bluff. It was possible that the cigar would burn out without sending them sky high, but it was extremely possible it would not. No one on the wide seas but a sea queen herself would have courted such a horrible risk.

For an endless 20 or 30 seconds they all stood in the glowing moonlight, like figures frozen into stone. The little red star of the Havana burned steadily down in the hold. Tempest held his breath, and the drums of his ears quivered with anticipation of the explosion. The cases of gunpowder were right on top, and if a grain had got loose——

The star went out.

The Commissioner, who had been looking more doubtful than alarmed, turned away. It seemed that the bluff had attained its end. He had already opened his mouth in a fresh remark.

"If you think you're going to do any illegal re——" When the wretched Carter, to use Tempest's expression, gave the whole show away. Carter had nerves, like all men who drink, and the last two minutes had tried them rather too far. He had been looking out of his galley door at the whole proceedings. Fear of Vaiti had kept him frozen to the spot while the cigar was burning out, but once the hideous strain was removed his wits went with it, and he uttered a loud "Thank God!" that reached the keen ears of little Mapes on the poop, and too clearly explained the whole situation.

"Oh, it's thank God, is it?" cried Mapes, now fairly roused. "Very well—very well, indeed, Mr. What's-your-name, kicked-out officer, and Mrs. Jezebel, his wife! I'll give you something to be thankful for, you may take your oath. Hands up, you!"

He whipped a revolver out of his pocket, and in another instant would have covered Tempest and made him prisoner. But Tempest was a boxer, and his movements were quicker than Mapes's, by just the difference between trained and untrained muscles. He had caught the Commissioner one on the elbow that sent the weapon flying, and one in the body that dropped him off the poop on to the main deck, before even Vaiti had time to snatch at the pistol, which she would have done in that moment if certain death to herself had been the result.

Mapes, not hard hit—for Tempest remembered his strength, and the size of the smaller man—staggered, half falling, across the lower deck, which he had by some chance struck without losing his feet. His knee caught on the coaming of the hatch. It was open, as I have said, and the Commissioner fell back over it, and went down into the hold like a stone.

Vaiti swung a lantern out at once, and Tempest leaped down among the cases. A horrible fear thumped at his ribs, and beat like a drum in his head. The fall was not much, but—

But—

When they laid the little red-haired man on the deck under the light of the lantern he never stirred. He never stirred again.

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A thousand miles east of the New Scillies, the little Sybil fled before the wind.

Like a fragile white bird she looked, flying fast against the livid grey of a hot, squally sky. White hull, white deckhouses, great white wings spread out to catch each gush of the breeze—the snowy tropic-birds themselves were not more white than she. There was a tropic-bird not very far from the ship, skimming towards the land—the land a mere handful of rocks and reefs, lying some few miles to windward.

Behind the dainty tropic-bird came something bigger and darker—something that flew sharply, with quick motions, and screamed once or twice. It was a man-of-war hawk, and it was hunting the tropic-bird to make it give up its prey.

Vaiti, standing on the main deck, and watching the straining sails with an anxious eye, noted the birds, and pointed to them silently. Tempest, his arms round his wife, laughed, but the laugh was not pleasant.

There were no more conjugal disputes on the Sybil in these days. No one locked herself or himself, or was locked by anyone, into cabins. No one threw cutlery or plates—unless at the crew, who were used to it. No one used shrill Maori maledictions, or round British curses, in the captain's cabin, nor did the schooner's charts ever suffer the disgrace of being torn in two over the matter of a disputed course. The two stormy spirits were one at last, united, as prosperity could never have united them, by the stress of a common danger, an ever-overhanging, ever-approaching dread.

A week almost had the Sybil fled eastward from the ill-omened New Scillies and Three Cross Bay, where the body of the luckless Commissioner had lain all night in the useless steam launch, waiting for help from the township—the schooner and her people, meantime, flying fast as sail could take them out to the empty sea. A week of sailing against time, of chafing and cursing at every calm, of cracking on each available stitch of canvas when the breeze blew fresh, and keeping it on when the breeze was a breeze no more, but a roaring, boisterous half-gale—a week of hoping and fearing, of fancying that they could reach solitary Iorana, and take refuge there, before the news of Tempest's unlucky deed should travel down to the ears of authority in Suva or Sydney—of calculating times and distances, and counting the small chances of the knowledge of Iorana having leaked out, somehow or somewhere. Then—an hour when they knew that the worst had happened, when two grey funnels and two thin masts crept slowly up over the horizon, spelling the name "Agesilaus" clear as print to Tempest's service-trained eyes, and the fleeing tropic-bird and pursuing man-of-war hawk changed from an omen to an illustration—nay, to a prophecy.

For a while they watched it, the hawk caught up with its quarry, and coming down upon the bird forced it to disgorge its lately-caught prey. The white tropic bird, despoiled, flew screaming out to sea again, and the hawk flapped shoreward with its booty. Carter, cleaning pots at the door of his galley, noted the little drama, and shook his head.

"I wish us others as well out of it as the bird," he said.

He expected to hear the order to shorten sail in another minute, but the Sybil swept on at her 11 knots an hour, as if there had been no such thing as a 15-knot warship behind her, ready at any moment to signal "Heave to, or take the consequences. It was close on sunset, and would be night in 20 minutes. Were the two captains (for so Carter designated them, in his own mind) hoping to slip away in the dark? A forlorn hope, truly, if they were.

It cannot be known what wild projects of escape may have been discussed between the daring pair, so different and yet so like, as they stood on the darkening deck, and watched the grey funnels creeping ever nearer. There were signals from the warship by-and-by, but none of the men could read them, and Tempest did not enlighten anyone on the subject. He stood on the poop with Vaiti, and looked at the Agesilaus, and Carter, who told the story after, says that neither one nor the other seemed at all despairing. He says that Tempest had not appeared to suffer any special remorse regarding the unlucky incident at Three Cross, and that, in his opinion, it was simply a question of a fair fight—armed man, small and weak, against unarmed man, strong and big. But Carter doubts very much whether that view would have commended itself to anyone else. Tempest, it seemed by after-events, had no doubts on the subject at all.

Both of them kept a sharp look-out, says Carter, and what took place afterwards can hardly have been an accident. The ship was light, owing to all the cargo having been landed at Three Cross Bay, after all—for they had done that, and got the money before sailing again—and she rolled a good deal, and pitched. At the height of one of her pitches Carter saw a red glare, suddenly wink up and wink out again in the sky, just ahead. The captains saw it, too. They pointed it out almost together.

Just after that Tempest gave the order to lower away the boats. The man-o'-war had now come up nearer; they could see her long lines of ports glowing like fiery eyes in the darkness. The red glow lifted again, right on the Sybil's port bow. Carter did not know what it was, for they were traversing waters in which he had never been, but a Solomon Island boy did, and said something about its being the "great fire stopping down 'long water, stopping in belly belong sea." Carter concluded he meant a submarine volcano, these being known to exist in the neighbourhood, though they were so irregular in their action that it was impossible to say where or when they might break out. Carter is prepared to swear, from subsequent observations, that the spot where the fire appeared is marked 6000 fathoms on the Admiralty charts.

About this time the ship increased her speed a good deal, and Tempest ordered the fore and main sail to be lowered. It was impossible to take all her way off, or at least it was not attempted. The whaleboat was lowered with much difficulty and some danger, and as it was towing alongside—all the crew, Smith, the mate, and Williams, having got into it by Tempest's orders—Tempest himself came to the side, dragging his wife in his arms, and told them to wait. Vaiti was fighting, according to Carter, "like twenty devils," and her husband could not control her, strong as he was. She called out repeatedly that she would not go into the boat, and while the fight was still raging, and the two were staggering and struggling all over the deck, one of the Solomon boys yelled out in terror that the ship was being drawn by the volcano. It was evident that this was the truth. The blaze that burst up every now and then from the water was more than a mile away, but the noise of the detonations was terrific, and the sea seemed to be boiling for several furlongs about the scene of the disturbance. There was a very strong breeze setting right towards the fire, like the draught that rushes up a chimney, and it was clear that the ship was in it.

Carter's account becomes confused after this, and no one seems to know who cut the rope and sent the boat whirling away astern of the doomed ship. But that it was done there is no doubt. The last words that any of the refugees heard were from Vaiti herself. Tempest had ceased his struggles, when he saw that they were of no use, and just before the rope parted the two were seen standing on the forecastle head, their arms tight round each other, their faces turned towards the thunder and the flame.

They seemed to have no fear, and Vaiti was crying out at the top of her voice: "Finish, finish, you and me, Tempest; all finish together."

After this Carter has nothing to say. It seems that they had some very hard rowing to get out of the terrible in-draught of the submarine volcano, little though they were exposed to it in comparison to the ship. But Carter was too frightened to remember anything accurately until the Agesilaus arrived and picked them up, afterwards retreating from the dangerous neighbourhood as fast as possible. There was no sign of the Sybil, and not so much as a timber of her was ever seen again.

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LAW REPORT.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Salusbury, Acting Registrar.)

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

Re David Ashworth. The bankrupt and several other witnesses were examined by Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee, and the examination closed.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Peter Roach, of Malvern (South Australia), warehouseman, and formerly carrying on business at York-street, Sydney, and elsewere as Hosegood Brothers. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Ernest Gilham Cook, of Boyce-street, Glebe Point, butcher, formerly of Mount-street, North Sydney. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Richard Hogan, of Casino, labourer. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

SUPREME COURT.

In Equity.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Street.—No. 1 Jury Court.—Re G. W. Smith and others, infants, summons for allowance for education; Australasian Dunlop Rendells Potteries, Ltd., summons to sanction compromise; Gray v Joy, motion to appoint receiver.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Colonial Finance Mortgage L and G. Company, Ltd., v Johnson, to tax costs. At 2.15 p.m.: Re J. T. Tooley, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Registrar.—To tax costs: Walter Bell, 11; Margaret O'Sullivan, 11.30. The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Ernstine M. Ludwig, 10.30; Enoch Bennett, 11.30; Thomas Scollin, 12.

In Chambers.—In No. 1 Jury Court, at 10 a.m., before Mr. Justice Street.—In re guard. ons, etc., of parts George Alfred Hack, for delivery of bill of costs.

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Stock Exchange investors and speculators should never miss the notes in the "Sydney Mail" detailing the Stock and Share market The advice and hints given in the letter are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

This week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" contains excellent illustration of the second and third prize farms in the Northern Tableland Division of the "Sydney Mail" and "Sydney Morning Herald" competition.—Advt.

The Aquatic Notes in the "Sydney Mail" by "Trident" never lose interest week by week. The author is always well informed on important matches, and his remarks this week are full of interest.—Advt.

AUSTRALIAN WINE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In the "Argus" and the "Age" of October 26 and 29 there are accounts of a conference of vinegrowers, convened by the Rutherglen Vinegrowers' Association. The President was present, and took the opportunity to prejudice the minds of Australian winegrowers against their customers, the wine merchants of England. His words, speaking of the Franco-British Exhibition, and presumably correct, were:—A firm dealing largely in Australian wines had offered £1000 for the exclusive right to sell Australian wines. The South Australian Government had cabled to the Agent-General of that State to protest against one person having an exclusive right, which should be shared by the industry throughout the Commonwealth. Subsequently, a resolution was passed that the Premiers of New South Wales and Victoria be asked to instruct their respective Agents-General to have an Australian wine bar at the exhibition. "Neither John Cockburn nor Mr. Taverner knows anything of this monopoly. It is a "mare's nest."

Australian wines may, Messrs. Lyons inform me, be listed by them in their wine list, and limited to the number of twelve. It is ridiculous to suppose that every vigneron in Australia should appear on the caterer's list, the caterer having nothing to do with the exhibition proper. Mr. Joseph Lyons further informed me that for listing twelve wines, his firm are requiring £1000 for the space, and that anyone taking the whole space will secure the monopoly. The offer was made to us, and I presume to others. So far as I am aware, that offer is still open for anyone to take the monopoly or a single line, if they put down their money. Even if Mr. Irvine were correct in his statement, and his own enterprise does not lead him in that direction, surely he might, with more grace, commend, rather than condemn, those who find the money for so splendid an advertisement of the Australian wines.

There was a disinclination on the part of the organising committee to allow the tasting of growers' wines, and I have urged upon Lord Blyth, Sir John Cockburn, and Mr. Kirsalfy, the absolute necessity of allowing the right to public tasting, for an array of glass bottles is no advertisement. Mr. Coghlan, the Agent-General for New South Wales, told me that he would withhold his acceptance of the space allotted to that State until satisfied that this concession would be granted. Tasting was permitted after much to-do at the old Colonial Exhibition, but I hope there now will be some sort of regulation and order in giving tastes, so as to make it less objectionable than in the past. I could multiply instances where wines of particular vineyards were asked for, and corks drawn, but which were not again required for perhaps a week or a month, when the same ullaged bottle was shown in its then state. I will leave you to judge of its condition. I venture to say that this carelessness and irresponsibility did an enormous amount of harm to the Australian wine trade. Australian wines are very pure, and, being full-bodied, stand a much longer time than Continental wines, but imagine a s

BIRTHS.

BEAUMONT.—January 13, at Nurse Moore's, Petersham, the wife of W. Beaumont, of Combarago, Surat (Q.), and late of Mungindi—a daughter.

GODDEN.—December 13, at Church-street, Balmain, the wife of J. F. Godden—a son (premature).

MITCHELL.—Jan. 25, at Thelma, the wife of A. H. Mitchell, Bank of New South Wales, Camden—a daughter.

NICOL.—January 19, at Cap-road, Watson's Bay, the wife of John Nicol—a son.

SPENCE.—November 20, 1907, at Tathra, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Spence—a son.

MARRIAGES.

MULHOLLAND—DAVIES.—January 15, 1908, at Pitt-street, Congregational Church, Sydney, by the Rev. J. T. Warlow Davies, M.A., David Henry, eldest son of the late Joseph Mulholland, Newtown, Sydney, to Margaret, youngest daughter of the late William Davies, Lambton, Newcastle.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

KENCH—BASNETT.—January 26, 1858, marriage was solemnised at Liverpool, England, between Rev. Thomas Kench, son of Mr. W. Kench, of Charbury, Oxon., and Miss Sarah Basnett, daughter of Mr. T. Basnett, of Newton, Cheshire, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Holland Pain, M.A. Present address, Retreat, Burton, New South Wales.

DEATHS.

ADAMS.—January 28, at his late residence, Fell-street, Parramatta North (late of Burwood), William Adams, aged 85 years. By request, no flowers.

CANALE.—January 27, 1908, at Gila, Wentworth Falls, Lugina Canale.

CORY.—January 28, 1908, at Balmain, Lillie Mabel Cory, aged 33 years.

COX.—By cable from London.—Dr. Allaster Eddward Cox, late of Forbes, son of Dr. James C. Cox, Sydney.

McCRAE.—January 23, at his residence, Clarzhyll, Brooks-street, Wallsend, Thomas McCrae, aged 79 years.

NICHOLLS.—January 24, at Newcastle, Alice, the dearly beloved second eldest daughter of William and Theresa Nicholls, aged 22 years. R.I.P.

PITT.—January 25, 1908, Julia E., daughter of Edwin Pitt, of Bronte, Richmond.

RAMSAY.—January 28, at Sydney, David, eldest son of the late David Ramsay, of Five Dock, in his 40th year.

SWAN.—January 28, at the Homœopathic Hospital, Cleveland-street, Elsie, dearly beloved niece of E. W. and E. M. Hawkins, aged 18 years.

THOMAS.—January 28, 1908, at 109 Falcon-street, North Sydney, Clara, the wife of W. M. Thomas, aged 33 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BYRNES.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Mary Byrnes, who departed this life January 28th, 1907, aged 39 years. Inserted by her loving brother, Patrick Dwyer. R.I.P.

DAVANOUGH.—In ever affectionate memory of our dear sister, Minnie, who departed this life January 29th, 1907, aged 20 years. Inserted by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Farrell. R.I.P.

GILCHRIST.—January 29, 1903, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. C. B. Percy, North Sydney, Margaret Gilchrist, widow of the late Drummond Gilchrist, only beloved sister of Mr. David Bell, Melbourne.

GRAY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our darling mother, Agnes M'Kenzie, who departed this life at her late residence, 132 Henderson-road, Alexandria, January 29th, 1904. There is sweet rest in heaven. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

INGLIS.—In sad and loving remembrance of our darling son, Henry William (Harry), of 188 Brougham-street, who died January 29th, 1904, dearly loved, and still so sadly missed by his loving father and mother, William and Eveline Inglis.

O'CALLAGHAN.—A token of love and affectionate remembrance to the memory of my dear husband and our darling father, Patrick O'Callaghan, who died January 29th, 1907. Sweet Jesus, mercy. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

ROY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who departed this life on the 29th January, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

SMITH.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Edwin Smith, who departed this life January 29th, 1907. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. and Miss HARRISS desire to return sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for floral tributes, letters, and cards received by them during their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. J. COONEY and Mrs. C. COONEY return sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for telegrams and cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad bereavement.

The SISTERS of the late Mrs. CARLE, Miss ROBERTS, Mrs. A. BURTON, Mrs. J. MEEHAN, Mrs. LIGHT, desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many sympathetic relations, neighbours, and friends for their various tokens of sympathy with them in their bereavement. They also wish to thank Dr. Brennan, of North Sydney, for his kind care and untiring attention.

The RELATIVES of the late Mrs. I. McMILLAN wish specially TO THANK Mrs. Bessie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and all other kind friends for letters, telegrams, and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement in the death of their dear mother.

Mrs. R. HAWKINS, Marlowville, William-street, Granville, desires to return sincere THANKS to her friends for kind sympathy in her late sad bereavement.

The DAUGHTERS of the late Mrs. MARY SPINKS desire to return sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for letters, floral tributes, and other expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

WOLFORD.—Mrs. WOLFORD and FAMILY, of Wirtbach, Terrace-road, Marrickville, desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for letters and messages of sympathy received by them in their recent sad bereavement; also to specially thank the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Lewisham, and Dr. Lawes.

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A BRIGHT, TOPICAL ISSUE TO-DAY.

RAILWAY SMASH AT STANWELL PARK.
Half-page picture showing the ill-fated car after its restoration to the rails; gear, etc.

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A Venus, an Octopus, the landing of Captain Cook, and the "Village" Priest—altogether a sparkling page.

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QUEENSLAND: A page of pictures, one showing the committee of the German picnic at Brisbane.

NEWCASTLE FIRE.
A page and a half of pictures that give a good idea of the extent of the recent great fire.

PRIZE FARMS: Pictures taken on the 2nd and 3rd prize farms in the northern tablelands division of the "Sydney Mail" and "S.M. Herald" farm competitions.

THE WRECK: A half-page picture of a big steamer stranded off Cronulla Beach, near Sydney.

BOWLING: The visit of the New Zealand team to Waverley green.

OTHER FEATURES: Specimen of decorative work by a Mosman resident; the Sandow Girls (a theatrical picture); and various portraits.

SPECIAL ARTICLES, ETC.

The pastoral section includes a specially-written article by "Lang" for beginners on the land. It is worth clipping for reference if not needed just at present. The hints are valuable. Topical questions are also discussed by the same writer, who critically refers to the closer settlement boards. The agricultural columns open with the first of a short series of fruit articles, and is followed by a contribution from "Moira" concerning the great dairy show at Islington (Eng.)—the greatest event of the kind held. The usual newsy budget relating to Commonwealth rural industries also appears. These pages are specially prepared for the man on the land, and they contain much that is important to his business.

TURF.

"Mirrey" supplies some reminiscences of the late James Monaghan from the days of Le Grand, and descants on recent racing, with special reference to the unseemly demonstration at Randwick on Saturday. Some interesting items have been garnered from an interview with Mr. B. Thompson, a visiting sportsman from England. The Stud Notes are also interesting.

Edmund Morey's Pioneering Reminiscences are continued. "Shortslip" has a full account of the interstate cricket match. There is gossip about grade cricket matches; also a table giving the leading scores made in Australia during the week. "Thornanby," the English sporting writer, has an entertaining article on "Old-time Eccentricities of Sport." On the literary page are reviews of several new books.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1908.

DEFENCE BY EXPLANATION.

It may sound rather a shocking thing to say, but we are beginning to have serious doubts whether Mr. Deakin's defence scheme can be said to possess objective reality. It certainly looked as though there was such a scheme, but the more Mr. Deakin explains the more we discover how much is left to be moulded by the future—perhaps it would not be unfair to say by the political future. In his patriotic speech to the Australian natives, Mr. Deakin is reported to have been "good form," an expression which probably means that he could rely on the absence of criticism; and the occasion certainly had its value, inasmuch as the presence of so many sympathetic admirers induced the patriot to index his emotions and reduce his theses to a catalogue form not well calculated to conceal their heresies. And whatever helps us to get at the back of Mr. Deakin's mind is distinctly worth while. This, in fact, is the main thing for us to worry about. Australians are hardly so simple minded as to seis upon the skeleton of a scheme and allow their intelligence to be distracted by it from the political moves it is probably meant to cover. True, the whole continent is in earnest over this problem of defence. But it is not quite so much in earnest over Mr. Deakin. We might go so far as to say that a considerable proportion of it has its strong doubts as to whether Mr. Deakin is the man to trust with the initiation of a policy which touches us so nearly, and whose magnitude is so much greater than we can realise. Assessing the whole scheme, naval and military, for one moment at its face value, what is the size of the trust Mr. Deakin is asking us to place in him? And what assurance have the past seven years given us that that trust will not be abused? The scheme implies an enormous increase in Commonwealth expenditure; it implies an enormous development in the role of the Commonwealth, as against the role of the States. We are not forgetting our Constitution. Of course, defence is a Federal affair. But in how many and in what devious ways may not the Commonwealth aggrandise itself in the carrying out of a scheme of such magnitude? And then again we recall the mystery Mr. Deakin casts over the future. On what political help does Mr. Deakin rely? Unfortunately we know that much. What we do not know is the price labour will demand for its support.

What we have been urging is that there is much more in this matter than a consideration of the "scheme" on its rather nebulous merits. And we think that argument is strengthened by the points Mr. Deakin put to his meeting. We have no wish to talk platitudes about Imperial sentiment. But we do discover something in Mr. Deakin's creed that strikes a false note—a note he evidently thought there was no need to conceal in addressing his audience on Monday. What we mean is that we have to defend Australia primarily because it is an outpost of empire, which fate has given us to hold. We need all our patriotism. We cannot have too much of the purely Australian kind. But beyond that is the instinct of empire, the recognition that Australian defence is part and parcel of Imperial defence. When he speaks of these things, of the points in his scheme where the contact with the wider problem comes, Mr. Deakin's words have an unpleasant flavour. We know what impression he produced in London when he assumed Continental powers to negotiate. And we find the same flavour in his latest reference to the naval subsidy. Surely it is beneath the dignity of Australia to refer contemptuously to the link which binds us to the British navy as defence by contract. We do not pay the British Empire to defend us. We do gladly contribute our little share to the huge expenditure that entails; and we shall, we profoundly hope, succeed in continuing to do so in spite of Mr. Deakin and all his works. This is one of the glimpses of the back of Mr. Deakin's mind that we do not like; that, in fact, makes us tremble to trust him far. And we get it again when he speaks of the control of coast defence. Coast defence is a duty laid upon us altogether inexpendently of the subsidy question, beyond and apart from it. It means money, but we shall not grudge the cost. But Mr. Deakin tells his meeting plainly that a committee of Labour politicians and new protectionists are the people to run the coast flotilla in time of war; that the Admiralty can be told beforehand to mind its own business. Is the solution—the loyal solution—of the problem quite so simple as all that? We hardly think so, and judging by the White Ocean policy, political control might quite possibly insist on the forty-four-hour week for its native navy, and no fighting before breakfast. There is a great deal behind this article of Mr. Deakin's creed. We cannot bubble it at a venture.

As regards the land defence scheme, Mr. Deakin's explanations ought rather to have been labelled postponements. It is as well to be as clear as we can as to what this scheme amounts to. Of course it is quite true, as Mr. Campbell remarked the other day, that compulsory service of the limited form suggested is not conscription. It is true that in many ways it simplifies the difficulties that attend voluntary enlistment. And for that reason it is natural for officers in the service to be inclined to view it favourably. But has the militia system ever had a fair trial? Has it had the least opportunity to show what it could do, backed by good administration and reasonable expenditure? We do not think that anyone will contend that it has. Still less has it had the chance of development concurrently with a serious attempt to get the most out of a cadet system. This is what has been in the minds of the Victorian section of the National Defence League. Mr. Deakin's only reply to their suggestions was to elude them, and to talk vaguely about visionary reserves to be created by visionary Parliaments. Here again we were permitted to see how much of the scheme which presents such a glittering front to the platform is without form and void in its hinder parts. It is perhaps hardly worth pointing out that there is no logical sequence in Mr. Deakin's interrogative argument which necessarily leads us to his paper army. We are with him all the way in generalities, except perhaps at the point of universal compulsory service—which is rather bad on paper, and likely to prove impossible in practice. What we are not so sure about is the probability of evolving a sound defence scheme from the exigencies of those successive Parliaments which are Mr. Deakin's god in the car. The painted exterior of the paste-board defender is imposing enough; but if his inside is only going to be stuffed with political chicanery we are afraid he will have a poor stomach for the fray. And what has converted the Labour leaders to this mollified conscription?

OUR GOVERNORS.

Special interest attaches at the present moment to the recent utterances of Sir Reginald Talbot in Melbourne, because undoubtedly a section of the community is anxious to discredit our State Governors. Perhaps it would be fairer to say that there are certain people who, for political reasons, prefer the room to the company of men of high official standing with power to veto their wishes or to put a check upon their designs. State Governors are not personally obnoxious to scheming politicians; but the representative of the King has undoubted prerogatives, and at critical moments may make himself felt. We cannot imagine anybody more popular with all classes of the community than Sir Harry Rawson. His Excellency has endeared himself everywhere; and the news that his term may be extended for another 12 months will be hailed with the liveliest satisfaction. But it might easily happen that some political crisis called for vice-regal decision and interference, and that parties in the Legislative Assembly—one much against its will—had to appeal to their constituents. There would probably be no possible alternative left for the Governor. Would personal popularity save his Excellency from much bitter and very hostile criticism? It might. We sincerely hope it would. Unfortunately the experience of Lord Chelmsford in Queensland does not offer much comfort under similar circumstances. The present electoral campaign in the northern State has been marked by unseemly attacks upon the Governor, and both Mr. Kidston and Mr. Bowman have gone out of their way to discredit him. All that Lord Chelmsford did was to remit to the country a question for decision upon which the Houses of Parliament could not agree. No essential principle of the Kidston Government policy had been assailed by the Legislative Council. It had only declined to endorse certain details deemed to be unwise; and as no way could be found out of the deadlock short of swamping the Upper House, a dissolution was granted to the new Government with Mr. Philp at its head.

What needs to be said is that the present system of Governorships has worked well, and that it would be a mistake to alter it. When genial capable men like Sir Harry Rawson represent the King in our midst there is no possible argument against it, but we have to consider the system in both storm and calm. We cannot, even so, say that our experience of storm in recent years has been the result of sending incapable Governors to Australia. It has been our good fortune to have a succession of thoroughly qualified and highly tactful men appointed to these important offices. But the point is, that even under stress of any crisis that may have arisen the closer connection with the mother land has worked well. It has tended to keep alive the sense of Empire and to stimulate the feeling of patriotism; and when the bearings of the Constitution have been stated and applied we have realised how much genuine worth there is in the accumulated wisdom of the national life to which we contribute. The idea with some is that as good results would come with State Governors elected by the people or appointed by Parliament. We very much doubt whether the outcome would be nearly as satisfactory. Our politics are too penetrating; and the main strength and value of the home appointments lie in their general freedom from a bias which may affect local questions. But in any case it would be an evil day for the States when sectional clamour against the Governors in general, or against any Governor in particular, led to an alteration in the existing system. We have everything to gain by maintaining the home connection on this side in its completeness. State rights are involved, among other things, even if Labour eloquence protests vehemently to the contrary; and Queensland especially will do well to stand by her Governor.

FEDERATED FARMERS.

It is still one of the strongest arguments for Federation that various bodies in Australia find it necessary to draw closer together. The State Premiers cannot be excluded from the centrifugal influence, though they, no doubt, will reply that they meet to fight against it not to succumb to a common attraction. Labour certainly makes no excuses under this head. Its aim is unification in politics, but the pull is always industrial, and there is a steady response to the impulse to look to a common centre. If the argument for union on these lines is considered too weak we may point to church enterprise. Indeed, the Australian sense of unity is felt everywhere, and needs little advertisement, but especially is it beginning to assert itself in primary production. The Australian city worker is organised, and stretches out eager hands for political power, and the Australian farmer is following suit. Here again it may be argued that the one is the corollary of the other. Aggression by one class is being met by union for self-defence by another. Yet the meeting of interstate delegates of the Federated Farmers' Organisation in Adelaide last week gave evidence that common interests, apart from politics, were drawing the agriculturists together; and while the Commonwealth Government was responsible for much animated discussion on the size of cornsacks, it was felt that a better knowledge of farming as practised throughout the several States would be an invaluable Commonwealth asset. The delegates from New South Wales and Queensland, for instance, found themselves in a State with a wheat harvest this season of 21,000,000 bushels, which at the current price should be worth £4,500,000. Such a sunlight upon South Australia's position would be sufficiently impressive, especially as the mother State may be glad to take two or three million bushels of this wheat to keep her going.

The Mayor of Adelaide when officially welcoming the representatives of the Federated Farmers made one or two good points in the general connection. Of the farming class, he said that they were the backbone of the country, and he very kindly referred to the visitors before him as the marrow of that bone. There was a pleasant compliment conveyed in the latter term; but the truth was not very far away if, as we may assume, the farmers' council as a whole was included, and the Organisation behind the council was taken as true to sample. Australia owes a great deal to her farmers, and the best of them are indeed the marrow in her backbone. But the proof is to be found in their willingness to keep thoroughly abreast of the times. As the Mayor of Adelaide remarked:—"They had now arrived at such a pitch of scientific farming that they were producing bags of wheat where formerly they got bushels." This is specially true of South Australian growers who have been playing the missionary to some purpose among farmers in this State and Queensland. There has been a flow of fine men from the southern State northward, and their track is to be seen in the multiplication of seed drills, the increase of well-kept farms, and the wider application of intensive cultivation. But there has been action and reaction. The influences from Victoria and South Australia have helped to federate the farmers, and the other States have made interstate conferences possible. This last one has discussed politics. "If they were simply going to talk farms," said the genial Mayor of Adelaide again at the outset, "it would be like taking a nobbler of whisky and water without the whisky." Yet the work of the conference was eminently practical; and as the Federated Farmers' Organisation grows and is strengthened it will make a fine bulwark against the efforts of a class devoted to self-aggrandisement, whose motto is "Socialism"—with an aside, "in our time."

The "Sydney Mail."—Monday last marked the centenary of the deposition of Governor Bligh at the hands of Major Johnston, and that fact is responsible for the publication in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" of a couple of very interesting pictures. One of these is a copy of the portrait of Bligh presented to the Free Public Library by one of his grandsons—Mr. W. R. Bligh, of Parramatta—and the other is a reproduction of a picture showing the mutineers of the Bounty turning Lieutenant Bligh and his comrades adrift. The great fire at Newcastle is the subject of many capital snapshots. Manly's Surf Carnival, at which it is estimated 30,000 people were present, is admirably illustrated. "Moira" contributes a page of prize-winners at the Islington Dairy Show, and a special descriptive article, which will be appreciated by dairy-farmers in this country. The second and third prize farms in the northern tablelands division of the "Sydney Morning Herald" and the "Sydney Mail" competitions supply some exquisite agricultural scenes. A page is devoted to an illustrated account of Wyoming, an estate which has been subdivided for settlement. The wreck of the steamer Thode Fagelund and the fatal railway accident at Stanwell Park are illustrated. The senior Cadets' camp at Wollongong is prominently treated. Other subjects dealt with include the contest at Waverley between New Zealand and Sydney bowlers, and the "Sandow Girls" in "The Dairymaids," and there are portraits of Mr. S. C. Chandler (the late City Coroner, Melbourne), the late Mr. A. Mansfield, and the late Lieutenant A. F. Stephens. A Brisbane page has portraits of Dr. Donaldson (the Anglican Archbishop) and Mr. Dyson Holland (secretary of the turf club), and also group pictures of the committee of the German Empire celebration, and members of the Queensland Teachers' Union. It will thus be seen that the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" is an excellent general number.

The State Chief Justice.—We have been informed on authority that cannot be questioned that Sir Frederick Darley, Chief Justice of New South Wales, has no present intention of relinquishing his high position on the Bench; and it may be that his Honor will not retire until the end of the present year, when, if his 15 years' membership of the Legislative Council is included, his public service will have extended over 40 years.

The Newcastle Commission.—The Executive Council yesterday authorised the issue of a Royal Commission to cover an inquiry into the causes of the recent "creeps" at Newcastle, with a view of devising some means to, if possible, avert any further disastrous movements of the earth. The Commission consists of Mr. D. A. W. Robertson (president), Mr. John Sulman, and Mr. Arthur Henry James. Mr. Robertson is mine manager for the Metropolitan Coal Company at Helensburg, and he has, therefore, an intimate acquaintance with underground workings. Mr. Sulman is a well-known architect of the city, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Sulman and Power. Mr. James is a Newcastle solicitor, and is at present Mayor of that city. The commission will commence the inquiry with as little delay as possible.

Penny Postage and Cheap Telephones.—Mr. Chapman, Minister for Customs, informed a deputation from the Interstate Farmers' Conference yesterday that the Government was strongly in favour of a penny postage. It had not been defeated on the question last time it was before the House, but had only been repulsed. He believed a measure providing for penny postage would be passed next session. There might be a loss for three years, but after that time the reduced rates would pay well. Respecting cheap telephones for the country, Mr. Chapman said that he and Mr. Mauger were enthusiastic in pushing on facilities for acquiring a popular and cheap telephone system. He believed in a meter system so that a man would pay for the service he required. The toll system had proved popular, and the reduction of the public telephone charge from 3d to 1d had brought increased revenue. He hoped the day was not far distant when a farmer would pay a shilling a week for his telephone, and be able to get gun time, the weather forecast, important news, and market quotations at a given time. Members of the deputation smiled broadly, but showed that most of them were wheat farmers by the unanimity with which they ejaculated in chorus, "Mark Lane," the prices of flour in which rule the world.

Wollongbar Farm.—Mr. Perry, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, has accepted an invitation to open the Alstonville show in about a fortnight. He will take advantage of his visit to the district to make an inspection of the Government Experimental Farm at Wollongbar, in order to form an opinion from observations on the spot as to the best method of increasing its usefulness. It is proposed to extend the buildings, and to introduce improvements in other directions. Subsequently Mr. Perry will visit the other experimental farms, his object being to improve their educational value.

Duty Stamp Refunds.—Although a month has not yet expired, about 2,000,000 stamped cheques sent in to the Stamp Duties Department for purposes of refund have been dealt with, and it may be said that the back of the work has been broken. Every effort, consistent with the protection of the department from loss, is being made to facilitate the necessary checking, etc., but an enormous amount of stamped forms have yet to be disposed of. There seems to be little doubt, however, that the refunds will be completed well within the time allowed by the Act, in spite of the fact that demands have been sent in from all parts of the State, and sometimes for sums which will hardly cover cost of postal transmission.

Coogee Bathers and the Police.—The Chief Secretary, Mr. Wood, has received a report from the Inspector-General of Police with reference to the recent complaints about the behaviour of certain surf and sun bathers at Coogee, and he is satisfied that the police have been doing their duty reasonably, and certain of the statements made were greatly exaggerated. At the same time, the police have been paying particular attention to the Coogee crowds, and arrangements have been made whereby additional police will be available when required.

Proposed Experimental Irrigation Farm.—Amongst the projects Mr. Perry, Minister for Agriculture, has in hand is the establishment of an experimental irrigation farm in connection with the Barren Jack scheme, on the Murrumbidgee. Mr. Perry has arranged to visit the district shortly with the object of selecting a site. At present it is proposed to utilise the water conservation works at Yanco, which is really part of the Barren Jack scheme, and should that be finally decided upon it will permit of the farm being placed in a profitable state before the larger works at Barren Jack are in operation. The demonstration of what is possible in that part of the country with the aid of artificial watering will be of great value to prospective settlers on the immense area that will be within the influence of the works, and the Minister has little doubt that the establishment of the farm and the cultivation of fruit and other crops will help to increase the demand for irrigable lands when the Barren Jack area becomes available for settlement.

Many Desires.—The deputation of interstate farmers which waited upon the Minister for Customs yesterday had a formidable list of matters which it desired the Federal Government to support. In addition to the size of grain sacks, cheap telephones, more immigration, and penny postage, the members wished the Government to bring the Murray waters question to finality, and urged New South Wales to move forward with the other States affected by the question, so as to promote settlement and secure defined land tenures along the river. They also requested the Government to cope with introduced fruit pests by legislation, and to give the Danysz rabbit microbe a chance on the mainland. Mr. R. Patten said that some people in the worst rabbit-infested districts did not look upon the rabbits as a pest, but as a primary industry. Trappers on the Darling boasted that they could make from £500 to £1000 a year out of rabbits, and he noticed that where this boast was made there was no sign of diminution. Mr. J. Perry asked that the matter of transcontinental railway surveys should be pushed forward. Mr. Chapman said he did not want to say anything which might be construed into interference with State rights on the Murray question, which was approaching settlement. The rabbit disease matter was being dealt with by Sir Wm. Lyne, and the introduction of fruit pests from abroad would receive consideration. The desired railway surveys were being made. On the larger questions Mr. Chapman was more emphatic, and his replies appear elsewhere.

Small Boys on Strike.—A large number of small boys employed at Anthony Hordern's Emporium to assist the carters went on strike for higher wages yesterday. Their duties were to ride beside the drivers of the carts, and to mind the horses while the men delivered goods, and for this they were paid at the rate of 15s per week. When the time came for them to start work, instead of taking their places they gathered about, and, shouting and whistling, made themselves objectionable. One of the heads went out, and asked what their grievance was, and they replied that that were on strike for higher wages. A policeman was called, and he gave them a fatherly talking to, advising them to go away for half an hour to cool down. This they did, and after the expiration of that period returned to their work as usual. Their claim for higher wages is receiving consideration.

The Cricket Craze.—The presence in Australia of an English cricket team has aroused such a spirit of enthusiasm for the game that young men nowadays discuss the cricket situation at all hours of the day and night. Not only do they do so when they ought to be looking after their employers' interest, but they go so far as to break the law in their wild desire to emulate the heroes of the hour, and then parents and magistrates are so enthusiastic in the sport that they are apt pass lightly over any breach of the Police Offences Act in respect to the game. An instance of this was witnessed in the Redfern Police Court yesterday. Three young men, residents of Alexandria, were before the magistrate (Mr. Isaacs) for having unlawfully played cricket in the streets. The mothers of the young men appeared. Addressing the women, the magistrate said, "Surely you ladies were not playing cricket." "Oh, no," replied one; "it was our sons. But, your Worship," she added, "surely it is no crime to have a game of cricket." Looking at the prosecuting constable with a grave face, the magistrate said, "Why, man, you are blocking the future Trumpers and Gregorys." (Laughter.) "They're only boys, your Worship," pleaded another of the mothers. "Indeed," observed the constable, "one of them is a married man." "Where were they playing?" asked the magistrate. "In Alexandria," replied the constable. "Well, Barnes comes from Alexandria," interjected the magistrate." (Laughter.) "But this was in the street," persisted the constable; "and it was near a church." "Ah, that makes all the difference," replied the magistrate. "It is a terrible offence." (Laughter.) Turning to the women, Mr. Isaacs remarked, "If your sons come up here often on such charges and have to pay fines they will be stumped. (Laughter.) They are each fined on this occasion 2s 6d."

New Official Assignee.—The Government have appointed Mr. Charles Fairfax Waterloo Lloyd, brother of the late L. T. Lloyd, and son of the late Mr. George Alfred Lloyd, at one time a well-known politician, to be an official assignee in Bankruptcy, in succession to his brother.

Plague Rats.—Dr. Armstrong, city health officer, states that plague rats continue to be found at intervals in the Darling Harbour area, the focus of infection from the introduction of the disease in Sydney. The Harbour Trust has done good work in concreting parts of the water frontage, but it is the firm opinion of those best able to judge that until the whole work is completed and the harbourage of the rats destroyed there will be a recurrence of plague.

Larrikinism in the City.—The Inspector-General of Police is determined to put down larrikinism in the city, and, in consequence of one or two recent outbreaks, he has given special instructions to his metropolitan staff officers to prosecute in every case of the kind that comes under notice. The orders have already been put into execution, and there has been a considerable increase in the number of prosecutions.

The North Coast Bars.—Illustrations of the shocking character of the bars on the northern rivers are furnished almost daily. A telegram received last night stated that the North Coast S.N. Company's steamer Myee is aground on the crossing at the Bellinger River, just above the Government wharf, and that there is not sufficient water to refloat the steamer. Another message which came to hand yesterday from the Tweed River notified that the steamers Duroby and Friendship are both barbound, and that the steamer Corra Lynn, from Sydney, is waiting outside the bar unable to enter.

The mails by the R.M.S. India, which left Sydney on Christmas Eve, arrived in London on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, recently removed from Narrabeen Public School to Belmore South, were on Saturday evening entertained at a social evening in Orient Hall, Narrabeen, by the residents. During the evening they were the recipients of presentations from their late pupils.

In the results of the events at the Manly Surf Club's carnival, the Lifesaving Swimming and Life-saving Association won the boat race, not the Coogee Club as reported.

We have received a calendar for 1908 and an artistic postcard from Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons, and have received a visible calendar from Messrs. S. D. Townsend and Co.

A special service of trams will be run to the Sports Ground in connection with the night bicycle sports, commencing at 6.30 p.m., from Central Loop and western railway gates.

In the advertisement of David Jones, Limited, in yesterday's issue "Union sheets at 3s 11d a pair for single-bed size, 2 x 3," appeared. The measurement should have been 2 x 3.

"Woigan" reports the formation of an inspection party by the progress association, the police, and Dr. Park for the purpose of looking after the health of the district.

"W.R." complains that holiday excursionists are limited to returning by specified trains, that the carriages are dirty and uncomfortable, that inconvenient transhipments are made, and that accurate information is often not available.

THE BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT.

A HITCH.

EXECUTIVE OR PARLIAMENTARY SANCTION?

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A hitch seems to have occurred in respect to the disputed territory agreement on the question whether effect shall be given to it as an Executive act, or whether Parliamentary sanction is required.

Mr. Bent first wanted to have it settled by Executive act, and afterwards stated that Parliamentary sanction would be necessary. To-day, after a meeting of the Cabinet, he said the Cabinet was not prepared to agree to the first suggestion, and handed over the telegrams which have passed with the South Australian Government on the subject, remarking that the consideration of the matter had been postponed for a fortnight.

The first telegram was from Mr. Bent to Mr. Price, Premier of South Australia, on January 26. It read:—"If South Australia approves of boundary agreement by an Executive act we offer you a commission to present agreement to his Majesty the King." On the following day Mr. Price replied:—"Cannot reply definitely as to bound

FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY

A SPIRITED DEFENCE.

REPUBLIC REGAINS ITS OWN.

WAS WAR IMMINENT?

LONDON, Jan. 28.

M. Pichon, French Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, made a speech, which was warmly applauded, in reply to the interpellation of M. Jaures, a socialist leader, regarding Morocco, and the speech of M. Delcasse defending his acts when Foreign Minister.

M. Pichon defined the joint policy of France and Spain as the mandatories of Europe to restore order in the Moroccan ports and their districts, and to establish a police.

France, M. Pichon said, would maintain a prudent neutrality regarding Moroccan internal affairs. There would be no protectorate, and France would not accept a Morocco more internationalised than under the Algeciras Act.

France's Moroccan policy was part of her general foreign policy, which was neither the work of a man nor of a Government. It was the work of the Republic, which had regained the position to which it was entitled in the Concert of Europe.

M. Pichon eulogised the peaceful alliance of ententes. To link such a policy with the fate of a Minister would only weaken their scope. Ministers fell, but France remained.

"France," M. Pichon continued, "has cleared up misunderstandings between Great Britain and Russia. France's policy ought not, and does not appear, to be directed against or intended to isolate anyone.

"Agreements with Great Britain and Spain entitled us to act in Morocco. Yet we needed authority to act. Then complications arose. Did they go as far as the danger of war? I do not know. But we—everybody here—consented to a conference, and we attended with a limited programme. We should have accepted no other, and that conference gave our rights a new basis."

M. DELCASSE'S FALL.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S THREAT.

AN OLD STORY REVIVED.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

It is reported from Paris that in June, 1905, the German Emperor informed Signor Tittoni, Italian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that German troops would enter Lorraine if M. Delcasse, late French Foreign Minister, succeeded in negotiating an offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain.

The report further states that Signor Tittoni informed M. Barrere, the French Ambassador at Rome, of the Emperor's words, and the Ambassador telegraphed a report on the matter to M. Rouvier, who was at that time Premier. M. Rouvier demanded the immediate retirement of M. Delcasse, and reproached him with not communicating the negotiations to his colleagues.

The story of the fall of M. Delcasse is by no means new. It was told in almost the same terms soon after his resignation. It has been revived at this juncture as a counter to his speech of Saturday in the Chamber of Deputies, and to remind the people of France that he, their most successful Minister of recent years, had brought the country to the verge of war with Germany.

MARCH OF CIVILISATION.

MR. BALFOUR'S OPTIMISM.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Mr. A. J. Balfour delivered a lecture last night at Newham College for Women, Cambridge, on "Political and National Decadence." He instanced slavery, a diminishing birth rate, and the lack of initiative, as being among the causes which contributed to such decay. He added that he did not perceive either cause of regression in the onward movement of western civilisation.

AFRIKANDERS VICTORIOUS.

A GREAT MAJORITY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

In the new Parliament of Cape Colony the South African Party (Afrikanders) will have a majority of eight in the Legislative Council. It is expected that the same party will have a majority of 30 in the Legislative Assembly.

RUSSIAN EXPENDITURE.

DUPLICATION OF SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

REBUILDING THE NAVY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The Russian Ministry has presented to the Duma a bill to spend £15,750,000 in doubling the Siberian railway. The first half of the duplication, it is proposed, shall be completed in 1911.

The Russian Admiralty proposes an expenditure of £225,000,000, spread over 12 years, for the rebuilding of the navy. Recalcitrant Octobrists are already willing to vote £100,000,000.

At a meeting of the Russian Navy League Lieutenant Rimith delivered a lecture, in which, after pointing out that the restoration of the battleship fleet would involve an outlay of £150,000,000, and an annual charge of £225,000,000, which Russia could not afford at present, he urged the expediency of constructing instead a submarine fleet, which would cost very much less, could be more rapidly built, and would possess enormous destructive power. It was stated at the meeting that the Ministry of Marine is not in favour of an exclusively submarine fleet, and it is about to lay before the Duma alternative programmes of shipbuilding, both based on the revival of the battleship fleet.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

HEALTH MAINTAINED.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Mr. Chamberlain is in London. His health is maintained, and he will shortly spend a few weeks on the Continent. Mr. Chamberlain will not appear in the House of Commons this year.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

At the wool sales this afternoon all sorts were keenly competed for. Merinos were firmer than at the opening rates of series.

Jan. 28.

At the wool sales yesterday prices realised:—Maranianga 9¾d, Titi 9¾d, Waiki 10d, Liss 10¼d, Tilltill 10⅝d, 11⅛d, Burenda 12⅝d, Wotonga ⅝d, Dagworth 21⅛d.

Advanced upon all securities, N.S.W. Insurance Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street. Free Accident Insurance Policies. Eustace Bennett, Q. Mgr.—Advt.

CONCERT OF THE POWERS

MACEDONIAN HORRORS.

WARNING TO THE SULTAN.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Baron Lexa von Aehrenthal, Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, in an address to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian delegation, said he rejoiced that the modern policy of rapprochements had extended itself under such favourable auspices on both sides to Anglo-German relations. He expressed satisfaction with Franco-Spanish action in Morocco.

Baron von Aehrenthal warned the Sultan of Turkey that unless he fully supported the reforms which were proposed by the Powers, and with which they were resolved to proceed, his position in the three vilayets of Salonika, Kosovo, and Monastir would be jeopardised. The activity of terrorism would not have assumed such dimensions had the Turkish authorities afforded the defenceless population energetic protection.

The Foreign Minister added that the Balkan States had assured the Powers that they would not tolerate the organisation of raiding bands in their countries.

In a recent issue of the "Times" appears a letter from the Balkan committee, relating the deplorable state of affairs in Macedonia. The gendarmerie officers of the Powers are absolutely helpless to prevent murder, outrage, and rapine. They report, but nothing is done. Murder is almost a daily occurrence in their districts, and they are disheartened at the unsuccessful character of their work. The Government does not punish crime. All that the officers have secured is a diminution of crime committed by servants of the Government. They, trained soldiers as they are, are compelled to stand idly by and almost watch non-combatants murdered in cold blood. Three years ago they told the people to wait in hope, and now they know with bitter shame that the people regard them as deceivers, paid and utilised by the Government to mock its victims. Even in their own country their candid views are suppressed, while the public is told how the officers' presence must ensure order. Before public order can be re-established probably 26,000 persons at the present rate of progress will have perished by murder.

LABOUR UNIONISTS BARRED.

AMERICAN RAILROADS' RIGHTS.

UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The Supreme Court of the United States has declared unconstitutional the Act of Congress prohibiting railroads engaged in interstate commerce discriminating against members of labour organisations in matters of employment.

The Court held that the master mechanic of the Louisville-Nashville railroad was entitled to discharge an employee because such employee was a member of a labour organisation.

ARMS FOR REBELS.

FROM DINIZULU'S KRAAL.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

At the trial of Dinisulu at Pietermaritzburg, on a charge of sedition and treason an ex-rebel testified that he received a Mauser rifle from Dinisulu's kraal at Usutu. Other rebels were possessed of breechloaders, but they abandoned their rifles and scattered after the surrender of Dinisulu.

PREVENTING COMPETITION.

GOVERNMENT OPPOSES RAILWAY POOL.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Board of Trade, is opposing the pooling scheme arranged by the Great Central and the Great Northern railways for the purpose of avoiding excessive competition. Mr. Lloyd-George's objection is that amalgamation was not contemplated when Parliament sanctioned their working arrangements.

The official notification of the proposed pooling contemplated by the railway companies concerned was in the following terms:—"Important working arrangements are in contemplation between the Great Northern and Great Central railway companies, which if approved by the shareholders will be submitted to the Railway Commissioners in accordance with the Act of Parliament governing the relationship of the two companies. Further than that, 'the arrangement we are making is certainly in the interests of public facilities, and not in any way contrary to them.' The officials would make no statement. A "Tribune" representative ascertained, however, that these companies, which have long been rivals for trade in the North of England, "feeling the effect of electric and motor traction, and having to study economy, found that the kind of rivalry that has existed between companies travelling to the North has become too expensive to be continued. Not only is it possible to take off fast trains, sometimes half empty, because there are more running to the same places than the public require, but for some time there has been a feeling in Great Northern and Great Central circles that there should be a scheme by which the two companies might co-operate in the collection and distribution of goods. In this way administration charges could be reduced, and there is little doubt that proposals in this direction are contemplated in the important working arrangements referred to. It would seem that there are not to be no more fights between the two with reference to 'running powers.' The move is an important one. It marks the beginning of a new policy among railway companies, and the public will probably soon learn of reforms on systems other than those of the Great Northern and Great Central."

On the announcement of the proposal shares in each company advanced.

AMERICAN BANK'S DIFFICULTIES.

A RECEIVER APPOINTED.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

A receiver has been appointed to take over the affairs of the National Bank of North America.

The deposits in June last amounted to nearly 20,000,000dol (£4,000,000), but during the recent crisis they declined to 2,500,000dol (£500,000).

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

STOCK EXCHANGE SECURITIES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The "Bankers' Magazine" states that 387 representative Stock Exchange securities appreciated to the extent of £62,000,000 last month.

INCOME TAX REDUCTION AGITATION

A league which has for its object the bringing about of a reduction in the income tax has been inaugurated. Lord Avebury presided at the inaugural meeting.

N. M. AND A. CO. OF NEW ZEALAND.

The National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand has declared a dividend of 7½ per cent. and a bonus of 1s per share.

BOUND TO SOCIALISM.

LABOUR PARTY'S DECISION.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Mr. Grayson, M.P. (Socialist), speaking at East Ham, said that the decision of the company at Hull absolutely bound the Labour party to socialism. Universal pensions, he declared, if provided by taxing the rich, would alone satisfy Labour, and since the Liberal party was packed with plutocrats, who resent interference with their plunder, they had better join the Tories.

AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION.

Mr. F. Maddison, M.P. (Radical), urges Mr. Shackleton, M.P. (Labour), to dissolve the alliance of trade unionists with socialist organisations. It would be intolerable, he said, for trade unionists to be compelled to subscribe to promote socialism.

A VANDERBILT'S MARRIAGE.

HUNGARIAN COUNT THE BRIDEGROOM.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Count Laszlo Szechenyi was married at New York yesterday to Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, the ceremony taking place in the Vanderbilt mansion.

Three hundred guests attended.

The bride and bridegroom received £250,000 worth of presents, all of which were placed under glass.

The bride possesses £3,000,000 in her own right.

Count Laslo Szechenyi is a Hungarian nobleman, upon whose estate, at Horpatsch, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt and her mother spent some weeks last year, and it is understood that the engagement was made there. The Count, who is 28 years of age, received a gift of £1,000,000 on the day of the wedding, but it is so held in trust that he can use only the interest. Miss Vanderbilt is a daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and a sister of the Duchess of Marlborough.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

TRIANGULAR TEST MATCHES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The advisory cricket committee of the counties has resolved, subject to consideration of a detailed scheme, to assist the Marylebone Cricket Club if it invites an Australian eleven and a South African eleven to England in 1909.

QUEEN'S MINIATURES STOLEN.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Burglars stole from Mr. Carl Hentschel's studio at West Norwood three miniatures of the Queen's daughters, which had been lent by Queen Alexandra for reproduction.

THE DANYSZ MICROBE.

ITS TRIAL ON THE MAINLAND.

ADVOCATED AT WAGGA.

WAGGA, Tuesday.

A letter was read at the monthly meeting of the Wagga branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, presided over by the president (Mr. T. Strout), from the board of advice, asking for a motion to be passed supporting the proposal to extend the trial to the mainland of the Danysz rabbit microbe. A lengthy discussion followed, and Mr. J. A. Gunn, chairman of the Dr. Danysz rabbit destruction board of advice, spoke advocating the desirability of inducing the State Government to allow the experiments on the mainland in closely-netted, properly supervised areas, with microbe virus that had been proved to exist at Wyalong, Gundagai, and Camden, and which was identical with that introduced by Dr. Danysz. What the board wanted, he said, was finality in proving the efficacy of the disease, which could only be done on the mainland under natural conditions.

The State Government should not allow the Federal Government to override it, and the former had the power to authorise the experiments on the mainland with the local microbe. The board was spending subscribed money to the extent of £10,000, and it was only fair that it should be given an opportunity to prove on the mainland whether the microbe was efficacious.

Mr. Bernard Ferry moved that the association accept Dr. Tidswell's report that the disease introduced by Dr. Danysz was safe, and should be given a trial under Government supervision on the mainland, and that the request be communicated to Sir William Lyne, and that the State Government be requested, through Mr. Patrick M'Garry and the executive of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, to allow the local disease to be immediately tested on the mainland.

Mr. Lawrence Cox, of Kyamba station, seconded the motion, and Messrs. E. Crouch, George Lindon, T. Strout, and others strongly supported it.

Mr. G. C. Bellinger opposed it, and said the Dr. Danysz microbe was no good unless you catch the rabbit and shove the virus in. They might then die. If they did not do that the chances were they would live. (Laughter.)

The motion was carried, Mr. Bellinger being the only dissentient.

Mr. Crouch proposed, and Mr. L. Cox seconded, and it was carried, that Mr. Gunn act as deputy for the association in company with Mr. Campbell, general secretary of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, to wait upon the Minister for Lands urging the desirability of the trial on the mainland.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S LOAN.

NO ATTEMPT MADE TO FLOAT IT.

PERTH, Tuesday.

On the Premier's attention being called today to a telegram from Melbourne stating that the Western Australian Government had been unsuccessful in placing a loan in that centre, he stated that all that had been done in connection with the matter had been to make certain inquiries. On the 10th inst the Colonial Treasurer requested a certain bank to ask confidentially of its head office at Melbourne as to the state of the money market as the Government were prepared to raise a 3½ per cent loan of £500,000 at not less than £97, redeemable in 1917, and requesting to know whether more favourable terms could be obtained for the State, as a parcel of £25,000 had been sold at £97 by certain brokers, and suggesting that they might be again communicated with. The offer made by these gentlemen was to underwrite this loan at £96, with interest and principal payable at Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide, also the option of payment in London. On the 23rd inst the bank was informed that the Government did not feel disposed to entertain the proposal for Australian flotation on the terms submitted, in view of the fact that their London advices showed a very much more favourable market, and that it would still further improve. The loan was to have been raised by the issue of local inscribed stock. He certainly could not conceive how such inquiry could be construed into an unsuccessful attempt to float the loan.

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.

ALTERED CONDITIONS WANTED.

COROWA.—At a meeting of Barry Jaa and Coreen farmers and settlers' associations, the question of the advances made to settlers by the Government was discussed at length. It was pointed out that under the present conditions settlers who had been on the land two or three years, and had built and improved holdings, were not receiving the same amount of consideration as new settlers buying land, the former only receiving 60 per cent. on the value of the holding, as against 75 per cent. to the new settlers. Also, that advances were obtained from other sources up to 66 per cent. It was resolved that the executive be asked to urge the Government to consider the proposal as submitted, as owing to the bad season some settlers were hard-pressed and will find difficulty in carrying on the executive. The executive is to be asked to move that, in the matter of advances by Government on improvements on homestead selections, they be increased from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. Also that the P.P. board be asked to enforce a clause in the Act providing for the destruction by the board of rabbits on any holding where the owner fails to do so when required.

LABOUR ALLIANCES.

THE TRUTH LEAKS OUT.

"ENGINEERING, STRATEGY, AND ORGANISING."

HEATED DEBATE AT THE P.L.L. CONFERENCE.

More than usual interest attached to last night's session of the Political Labour Leagues (presided over by Mr. Flowers, M.L.C.) by the fact that there was a prolonged, and at times heated, discussion upon the inner working of the labour movement. What gave rise to the discussion was a notice of motion submitted by the Rozelle and Camperdown Political Labour Leagues,—"That this conference deems the action of the executive in withdrawing a candidate from Annandale to be opposed to the interests of the movement."

This was moved by Mrs. Blackmore (Camperdown branch).

Mr. T. S. M'Guire (Camperdown) seconded the motion. He explained that the P.L.L. of Annandale had decided to run a candidate, and called for nominations. Mr. Cameron was selected. He proceeded with his campaign, and the league advertised him, saying one of the meetings would be addressed by the president. That meeting took place, and the announcement was then made that Mr. Cameron had been "called off" in favour of Mr. Cohen, an independent candidate. It was wrong of the executive to take up or recognise the candidature of Mr. Cohen, who was, said Mr. M'Guire, as far as labour was concerned, "a political scondscript."

Mr. Holman, M.L.A., explained that nothing was done by the executive without the consent of the Annandale branch. An arrangement was come to by which Mr. Cohen, for reasons explained, should have a clear run against Mr. Mahony.

Mr. Cameron, who was the selected Labour candidate, said that he did not regard this as a personal matter. The executive had endorsed his candidature after selection, and he had prosecuted his campaign for five weeks, when he was asked to stand down because of an alliance having been made with the O'Sullivan party. Before that date the executive had stated that Mr. M'Gowen would be in the electorate to speak on his behalf.

Mr. D. Macdonell, M.L.A., a member of the executive, contended that when Mr. Reid went to the country he had seen fit to draw out certain men; so had Sir William Lyne. The Labour executive had merely done what it believed best in the interests of the movement. The opinion was held on the executive that labour could not win the Annandale seat, and it would be better to have in the Parliament a man opposed to the Government than a Government supporter.

Mr. O'Brien (Annandale district) opposed the action of the executive.

CHARGE OF "INSIDIOUS WORKING."

Mr. H. Lamond (executive) said Mr. Holman, as deputy leader of the Labour party, and others, were "insidiously working" to bring about what was tantamount to flouting the decisions of the conference.

Mr. Holman: Do you say I was insidiously working?

Mr. Lamond: Yes.

Mr. Holman: Do you say I moved the motion?

Mr. Lamond: I know enough of the inner working to say that it is not always judicious for a prime mover to move a motion. (Laughter.)

The scheme was to secure immunity to certain members of the remnant in the State Parliament. Mr. Holman had gone so far as to say that as the party was in direct opposition there was no necessity now for a pledge at all. The conferences had made it clear that the Labour party should stand independently of all other parties, and fight, win or lose, according to its own platform. If the executive wanted to make the Government supporters it only meant that they might lose a seat, why did it send Mr. Birt to oppose Mr. Crick for Surry Hills? Could anything have kept Mr. Crick out of Parliament except the running of the Labour candidate?

Mr. Holman: We owe the loss of Surry Hills to you, Mr. Lamond? (Cheers.)

"A COWARDLY AND CONTEMPTIBLE THING."

The President (to Mr. Lamond): Why did you keep away from the executive. I say it is a cowardly and contemptible thing. (Uproar.)

Mr. Lamond: All the eloquence of Holman could not induce Paddy Crick to stand down.

Mr. O'Brien (loudly): I move that the chairman leave the chair.

The President: You sit down.

Mr. Lamond: Mr. Flowers wants to know why I was not at the executive. I was there. I attended about half the meetings during the year. On other occasions I was away organising. I admit that my influence was weak on the executive over this particular matter because I was against flouting the expressed wish of the conference. I hope that the conference will say that the party is to be independent, even if it does lose a seat. (Applause.)

Mr. Beeby, M.L.A., contended that Mr. Lamond was showing spleen in his insinuations against men who were prominent in the movement when he was running as a Liberal candidate. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Jabez Wright (Broken Hill) moved an amendment, as follows:—"That this conference now decides that the executive is not to enter into arrangement with any other party or person." There were too many State members on the executive.

WOMEN IN CONFLICT.

Mrs. Dwyer, president of the women's organising committee, stated that she lived in Annandale, and had not been invited to the league. Fifty Mr. Camerons could not have beaten Mr. Mahony. (Laughter.)

Mrs. Grant (to Mrs. Dwyer): You tried to be a delegate from there, and you never entered the league. (Laughter and applause.)

Mrs. Dwyer: I said if you had not nominated your woman delegate I would like you to nominate me. I want to know why Mrs. Grant is here when Annandale has not 25 paid-up members. (More laughter.)

"STRUCK WITH HORROR."

Mr. Stuart Robertson, M.L.A., said he was struck with horror when he heard of the election.

Mr. Holman: What would you say if an independent man came against you next election?

Mr. Stuart Robertson hoped that the conference would refuse to be tacked on to any other party. He had had to face the sitting member.

Mrs. Dwyer: Had you not a dying man against you?

Mr. Stuart Robertson: The executive allied itself with Mr. O'Sullivan.

The president, Mr. O'Sullivan, promised distinctly that he would not go to Camperdown, and he told me that he would not endorse the candidature of Mr. J. Smith.

Mr. O'Brien: With all due respect to the chair, I object to the chairman chipping in. I move that the chairman leave the chair. (Applause and uproar.)

The president: Sit down, Mr. O'Brien. "My two doorkeepers will put Mr. O'Brien out unless he behaves himself." (Sensation.)

Mr. O'Brien: In what way can I challenge your ruling?

The president: You will challenge it by sitting down, sir. (Disorder.)

MR. HOLMAN'S SACRIFICE.

Mr. Riley (Arbitration Court) stated that Mr. Holman had done more for the movement than Mr. Lamond. He had sacrificed £1000 in the Arbitration Court because of being out organising. Mr. Lamond had on other occasions proved that he liked the limelight on. There had been no gratitude to the executive for having won 11 new seats.

A delegate (sneeringly): The executive!

Mr. Riley: Yes! the executive; by engineering, strategy, and organising.

The president said he could not accept Mr. Wright's amendment, as it was a subject matter that would come on later on.

Mr. Arthur Rae (A.W.U.) then moved as an amendment:—"That this conference, while believing that the executive acted with the best of intentions, believes that it was not wise in the course it took."

This amendment was defeated.

The motion was then voted upon, and the president declared it to be lost by 76 votes to 54.

There were calls of "Divide, divide." But the president silenced all, including a delegate who said it was "not a fair vote," by saying that he "had declared the result of the voting."

Subsequently Mr. Holman and Mr. Lamond declined to stand for the election of president.

The nominations for the position of president were:—Messrs. Donald Black, T. H. Thrower, and Frank Bryant.

The conference will resume at 2 p.m. today.

Mr. J. C. Watson, M.P., was present during last night's discussion, but took no part in it.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

A PROSPECTOR DIES.

PERTH (W.A.), Tuesday.

The following telegram has been received by Acting Sub-Inspector M'Carthy, of Derby:—"Alexander Hillocks, prospector, left Cranwell station, Hall's Creek, on January 5, in search of horses, and got lost in the bush. The police went out and found his dead body 36 miles from Cranwell station, on January 19. The deceased was an old identity of the district."

INTERSTATE CRICKET.

ANOTHER GOOD PARTNERSHIP.

VISITORS LOSE SEVEN WICKETS FOR 303.

RANSFORD 129, TARRANT 129 NOT OUT.

The match between New South Wales and Victoria was advanced another stage yesterday, when the visitors lost seven wickets for 363 runs. There was only a sprinkling of spectators when play commenced, but they began to arrive after the luncheon adjournment, and it was estimated that 1500 people were present during the afternoon.

The play could hardly be called interesting, for the scoring during the greater part of the day was slow. Ransford, however, put some sparkle into his play, and gave a really fine exhibition for 129. With Tarrant he carried the score from 64 to 217 before being dismissed. Tarrant continued at the wickets until the call of time, having 129 to his credit. He played a careful innings, and did not give a chance.

The fielding of the home team was good on the whole, though several chances were missed. It felt the loss of the services of Macartney, who was indisposed, his place in the field being taken by Bardsley.

The overnight not out men, Ransford and Tarrant, continued their innings, Johnson and Kelleway taking up the attack. At 89 Ransford drove Johnson wide to mid-off, and started to run. Barnes picked up and returned to the bowler instead of the wicket-keeper. Had he thrown the ball to the other end Ransford would probably have been run out. The same batsman had another life, for when he was 30 he lifted a ball from Johnson straight to Barnes at mid-off, and a very easy catch was missed. 104 appeared after 104 minutes' play. Whiddon then went on in place of Kelleway, and a few runs later Hopkins bowled from Johnson's end. Ransford made his half-century in 1 hour 18 minutes. At 148 Barnes relieved Whiddon, and Tarrant welcomed him by driving him to the boundary for four. Just before the adjournment, Noble went on at the Paddington end, his first over yielding one run. When the players left the field the score stood at 168 for two wickets, Ransford being 55 and Tarrant 47.

Shortly after resuming, Ransford brought the century against his name by back-cutting Barnes to the boundary. The next three balls he also drove to the cycle track, and then made a single, 17 being credited to him off the over. He was in 2 hours 53 minutes for the three figures. The rate of scoring had been very fast, 34 runs being registered in 15 minutes. Tarrant had been moving along more slowly than his partner, but presently the half-century appeared on the board, having taken 2 hours 27 minutes to complete. Ransford, who had played a brilliant innings, touched one from Noble that he was 129, and Carter, behind the wicket, snapped up the ball. The batsman was loudly applauded as he returned to the pavilion. He was in 2 hours 7 minutes, and hit 16 fours. The partnership added 175 runs.

Armstrong filled the vacancy, and as runs still continued to come, Whiddon was tried at the southern end vice Kelleway. A few overs later Noble secured Armstrong's wicket. The ball beat the bat all the way. 4-18-343.

Horan joined Tarrant, who was now 86, and opened his account by a single off Whiddon. The rate of scoring had slackened, Horan having been at the wickets 13 minutes for five runs. The 350 presently appeared on the board; the time occupied in its compilation being 3 hours 27 minutes. Noble was bowling with excellent length, having sent down four overs for two runs and one wicket.

At 359 Hopkins relieved Noble at the Paddington end, and with his first ball clean bowled Horan, who had 3 to his credit. Vernon filled the vacancy, and after making 2 was also bowled by Hopkins. The ball was the last of the over, and beat the batsman all the way. The board now showed 6-3-361. Carkeek was the next man. The score at the tea adjournment for 372 for six wickets, Tarrant being 78, and Carkeek 0.

Carter missed a chance of stumping Carkeek just after resuming. The batsman was then 9. An interval of slow play followed. Hopkins and Johnson were keeping an excellent length, and the batsmen were kept on their mettle. However, they got on to anything loose. The 300 appeared after 4 hours 32 minutes' play, Tarrant being 97 and Carkeek 23. At 308 Barnes relieved Hopkins. Tarrant drove his third ball hard, and a run was attempted. Bardsley, however, brilliantly fielded the ball, and returned it to Carter, who had the wicket down before Carkeek could ground his bat. 7—26—310.

Tarrant and Warne then came together. Kelleway was given another chance with the ball. Tarrant had a narrow escape from being run out. Bardsley returned smartly to the wicket-keeper, but the batsman just beat the ball. With a drive in the cycle track from Barnes Tarrant brought the figures to 320, against his name. He was at the wickets 4 hours 36 minutes, and played careful, if slow, cricket. He made his runs without giving a chance. The last 10 runs were scored in 20 minutes. Several changes in the bowling were tried, but without effecting a separation, and the score was carried to 363, Tarrant being 129, and Warne 15.

Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings, 461.
VICTORIA.—First Innings, 402.
Second Innings.

C. M'Kenzie, c Noble, b Whiddon	21
P. M'Alister, c Hopkins, b Johnson	4
V. Ransford, c Carter, b Noble	129
W. W. Armstrong, b Noble	18
T. Horan, b Hopkins	9
S. P. Vernon, b Hopkins	2
W. Carkeek, run out	23
H. Tarrant, not out	129
T. S. Warne, not out	15
Sundries	12
Seven wickets for	363

Fall of Wickets.—One, 15; two, for 49; three for 217; four for 243; five for 259; six for 321; seven for 310.

Bowling.—Noble, two for 47; Hopkins, two for 61; Barnes, none for 80; Whiddon, one for 52; Johnson, one for 74; Kelleway, none for 57.

HEAT IN THE CITY.

NEARLY 94 BEFORE 10 A.M.

WIND CHANGES TO THE SOUTHWARD.

It was evident immediately after sunrise yesterday that great heat would be experienced in the city, and by 9 o'clock the thermometer stood at 89.7 degrees. The temperature continued to rise fairly rapidly, and at 9.20 a.m. the standard thermometer at the Observatory registered 91.5 degrees, the percentage of humidity at that hour being 39.

The maximum reading for the day, 93.5, practically 94 degrees—was recorded between 9.30 and 9.45 a.m. At 8 minutes to 10 o'clock, however, the wind veered from the E to the SSW, and the temperature began to drop. At 10 a.m. it had fallen to 91.6, but the humidity had risen to 45 per cent., while at 10.15 the thermometer read 89, with a humidity of 47 per cent. The temperature gradually fell, until at 3 p.m. 77.9 was registered, with a humidity of 73 per cent. At 9 o'clock last night the thermometer reading was 73, with a humidity of 84 per cent. The wind throughout the day after 10 a.m., was from the S to SE, and maintained a mean hourly velocity of from 20 to 25 miles.

Some high temperatures were again recorded inland, including:—Albury, 92 degrees; Broken Hill 90, Cooma 92, Coonabarabran 100, Forbes 102, Hay 102, Hillston 97, Newcastle 94, Condobolin 104, Wilcannia 97.

The heat is now contracting to the NE quarter of the State, and the conditions will become cooler under the influence of southerly winds. Rain is expected to appear on the coast within 48 hours.

BOURKE.—The weather during the past few weeks has been very warm and oppressive. Although the records did not reach a particularly high standard, they have been continuous, ranging from about 100 to 114 degrees. The glass showed a considerable jump on Tuesday, when 110 degrees was registered. This is the hottest recorded this season, and the residents are almost prostrated.

RICHMOND.—The weather was exceedingly hot both on Monday and Tuesday, the maximum shade reading on Tuesday being 107, but a cool change came in the evening.

SINGLETON.—On Sunday, between 5 and 6 o'clock, a heavy storm broke over the town, the rain falling in sheets. In an hour 93 points fell. The centre of the storm appeared to have been at Jerry's Plains, where 200 points fell. Bulga had 67 points.

WEE WAA.—Over two inches of rain has fallen since Sunday morning, when 71 points fell.

WEST MAITLAND.—The thermometer on Tuesday registered 108 in the shade, a record for the season.

YOUNG.—The weather continues hot and dry. The temperature on Tuesday was 103.

THE COBAR EXPLOSION.

HEARD TWENTY MILES.

COBAR, Tuesday.

Later investigations by the mine officials show that an addition was made to the explosives in the magazine on Friday last, and that the actual quantity stored there at the time of the explosion was 2285lb, comprising 10 cases of gelignite and 35 cases of blasting gelatine. The explosion was heard a distance of 20 miles away.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

THE FINANCIAL ASPECT.

The vote given at the municipal and shire elections, to be held next Saturday, will settle for a period of three years the municipal policy of the State. That policy will directly affect the pockets of the taxpayers, for under the provisions of the Local Government Act the powers of the councils with respect to taxation and its incidence are substantially increased. Municipal government has been described as a financial problem, which can only be successfully and profitably solved when the members of councils administer the affairs of the corporation with the care and businesslike method they apply to the management of their own affairs. The trouble is to get men to invest and spend public money as though they were paying it out of their own pockets. Considerations such as these point to the wisdom of having on the municipal and shire councils, not faddists and experimentalists, and persons of no experience, but men of sound business training who have proved their capacity to manage civic affairs by success in the management of their private concerns. It is for the ratepayers to weigh carefully the qualifications of candidates for civic honours, and to cast their vote for those who can be trusted to administer the affairs of the corporation on sound business lines. Thus self-interest and duty go hand in hand.

Candidates may, in a rough and ready fashion, be classified as:—(1) Labour. (2) Progressive, and (3) Conservative. The Labour movement is being associated with the elections, not because the party hopes to do very much for the Labour cause in municipal affairs, but because it may help to perfect the organisation in respect of parliamentary warfare. Probably there are districts where it is hoped to achieve something in the municipal sphere towards realising the Labour objective in industrialism; but, generally, the underlying motive appears to be the perfecting of Labour political machinery. The municipal councils will be made the training ground for men who are to recruit the ranks of Labour politicians, and may also be used as a minor field for distributing public rewards among men who deserve well of the party.

The Progressives may be described as candidates who realise that municipal work during the past 15 or 20 years has been cramped because, notwithstanding the great growth of town population, it suffered from the constriction of town finance. They want to inaugurate a new order of moving with the times. The Conservative, on the other hand, adhere to the old-time and often unsatisfactory methods.

Municipalities were limited under the old Act to a general rate of 1s in the £ on rental values, out of which they had to pay all administrative expenses and the cost of making and repairing roads and footpaths—these being the great primary purposes for which municipal councils were brought into existence—street cleaning, and the care of the public health, which is coming to be recognised as one of the great primary functions of municipalities. The levying of special rates was permitted under the Act for street lighting, and watering, and establishing municipal libraries. There was also power to levy a special rate for infants' schools, but the power was never used. The total rate were limited to 3s in the £, but only is in the £ could be used for general purposes. Special rates had to be used for the specific purpose for which they were levied, and the were levied sparingly, so that while the limit of the general rate was as a rule reached, it was rarely that the ratepayers were called upon to pay anything like the maximum of 3s in the £ in respect of all rates. Street lighting was paid for by a special rate of about 3d in the £, and a little street watering was done where people were prepared to pay a special rate for it. This and the making and repairing of roads and footpaths used up the whole of the available funds. Large powers were conferred on the councils by the Public Health Act, but no provision was made for getting the necessary revenue to enable these powers to be utilised, and much important work was either not attended to at all, or was very imperfectly performed. More money was wanted.

Under the new Act the municipal councils will be able to raise the funds required, and it will be for them to decide whether the rate shall be levied on unimproved capital values only or partly on unimproved and partly on improved capital values. Here is a very important matter for the ratepayers to bear in mind when selecting their municipal representative on Saturday. There is one school of political thought which holds that the taxation of unimproved values will tend very largely to depreciate the value of property, and there is another school which looks to the taxation of unimproved lands as a panacea for all political ills. What class of representative does the ratepayer want? The representative who will go on in the old unsatisfactory groove, the whole-hogger, or the advocate of reasonable and well-considered progress?

It is provided in the Act that in all municipalities a rate of at least 1d in the £ shall be levied on unimproved capital values. This perpetuates the land tax under a new name. The money which the councils have in the past raised by means of ordinary rates, they can tack on to the money raised by the unimproved land tax. If a council believes that the raising of rates on unimproved capital values only would be too revolutionary altogether the middle course can be followed of levying 1d or 2d general rate on unimproved capital value, and for the remainder of the general fund requirements levy what is called an additional general rate on the improved value. But this means complicated bookkeeping, and will seldom in practice be adopted.

The shire councils stand on a different footing. Most of them closed the year's work with a credit balance—an indication that the revenue was equal to requirements. They have no corporate debts to pay off, and there is no outstanding question on which the election can be said to turn. The rating power of a shire is limited to 2d in the £ on unimproved capital value. They may, however, strike special or local rates, but in respect of these there is the proviso in the Act that when a special rate is proposed the ratepayers may demand a poll as to whether the rate shall be levied—in other words, the power of special taxation is left with the ratepayers. The president of a country shire who has had considerable experience in that capacity said yesterday: "The chief trouble will be to get capable men to act as presidents. The whole success of shire management depends upon the president and secretary and engineer as the administrative body. It has been my practice to suggest to the council what I consider to be the proper course to take, and leave it to the council to decide; but at the same time it is the president's mind and experience which is guiding the whole thing. A long period of service as president is a big tax on a man. Some men have not the time, and thus have either to neglect their own business or neglect the business of the shire, and then the responsibility is thrown upon the council clerk or engineer. It is not proper for the servant to be the master, and yet this is the position when a president throws his responsibilities upon the council clerk. If you have a good engineer well and good, but even with the best of men there is always the risk that you place them in the position of master. Given good executive administration, and the Local Government Act will be a success."

FILCHING OUR IMMIGRANTS.

NEW ZEALAND COVETOUS.

DEARTH OF WOMEN WORKERS.

WELLINGTON, Jan. 22.

Charles Kingsley's idea that "men must work and women must weep," does not seem to prevail in New Zealand, where there is any quantity of work waiting for women, but few women to do it. The task of finding workers for certain industries is rapidly developing into a problem.

In their extremity employers look to the Government. For good or ill, the trend of modern development is to look to the Government, and thus Mr. Millar, Minister of Labour, has been importuned to find women workers. The Cabinet will consider the problem, and, although it will not enter upon a general immigration policy, some steps will probably be taken. Representations have been made to the Minister from all parts of the Dominion, urging that the present position is causing loss, delay, and inconvenience, and showing that the Dominion's population can be largely increased if more hands are available. The demand has come from Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, and Dunedin. In all those centres employers will find work for many more fact

VICTORIA.

INCREASED TRAM TRAFFIC.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

During the half-year ended December 31 last 31,499,146 passengers travelled on the Melbourne trams, an increase of 2,008,010, compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year. The receipts amounted to £267,778, which was £22,305 more than those received for the same period in 1906.

LAST YEAR'S INSOLVENCIES.

During 1907 there were sequestrated in Victoria 451 insolvent estates, 162 in Melbourne, and 289 in the country centres. The assets scheduled amounted to:—Melbourne, £36,036; country, £17,883; total, £53,918. Liabilities scheduled amounted to:—Melbourne, £146,145; country, £48,518; total, £195,663.

BUSH FIRES SCARE CAMPERS.

A fire broke out in the ti-tree scrub between Chelsea and Carrum yesterday morning, and fanned by a strong breeze the flames quickly spread. A party of motorists had a narrow escape. They were on the Point Nepean-road when the flames suddenly crossed the line, and they had barely time to reverse the car, which was scorched. The greatest excitement prevailed amongst hundreds of campers who are camped along the beach. Many packed up their belongings and fled. The farmhouse of Patrick John Torpey was destroyed, but good work by picnickers and campers prevented other dwellings being burnt. Nearly two miles of fencing were destroyed.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WOOD-BLOCKING CONTRACT.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Although the ratepayers recently declined to authorise a loan for the purpose of having wood blocks put down in King William-street, city, the council is determined that the work shall be done. At a meeting to-day, by a majority of six votes it was resolved to expend from the general revenue this year at least £4000, and as much more as may be available, in wood-blocking the centre of King William-street, in terms of the offer of W. Sim, of Melbourne.

At the Adelaide Police Court, Henry Evans and Thomas Bennett were charged with having on Monday been at the Victoria Park racecourse for the purpose of betting. They pleaded not guilty, and were remanded on bail until Thursday.

TASMANIA.

HOBART REGATTA.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The Hobart regatta, which is held to commemorate the discovery of Tasmania, was held to-day in beautiful weather, and was witnessed by thousands from Hobart and the southern towns. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Edeline Strickland were present. This being the seventieth regatta in succession, the committee marked the occasion by enlarging the programme considerably. The amount of money offered in prizes was £311. A north-westerly wind interfered with the rowing races in the forenoon, but moderated sufficiently for the races to be rowed later in the day. In many years past the warships have visited Hobart in January, but this year they were absent. The Huddart Parker liner Westralia was utilised as flagship.

NEW ZEALAND.

A LUCKY WHEELWRIGHT.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

A wheelwright named Campbell, of Lawrence, Otago, has inherited a fortune of £30,000, and a tea plantation in Ceylon, through the death of a relative at home.

The settlement of the bank to bank dispute between the Westport Coal Companies and the miners by Ministerial mediation, averts serious trouble. It is stated that if the matter had not been arranged the companies intended closing down. This would probably have resulted in the miners in other parts of the Dominion striking.

The Wellington tramway profits for the past nine months was £2672.

Detectives Cole and Kennedy are going to London to give evidence in the prosecution of Miss Robinson for perjury arising out of the Druce case.

NEWCASTLE.

CESSNOCK WATER SUPPLY.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

At the meeting of the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board to-day a letter was received from the Under-Secretary for Public Works forwarding a communication from the Under-Secretary for Mines, informing the board that, as requested, the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines had reported upon the extent of the reservation of minerals wholly or in part under the sites selected by the board for the district reservoir and pumping station in connection with the Cessnock water supply, with a view of ensuring the safety of these works when erected thereon. It is proposed that the Crown shall exercise the right to resume the areas referred to with the underlying minerals, but with respect to the pipeline, as this passes over two leases, and if resumed will seriously interfere with mining operations, the board were invited to express an opinion as to whether any protection is required for the pipe-line beyond that afforded by the present reservation of 50 feet from the surface. The matter was referred to the engineer for report.

PELAW-MAIN RESERVOIR.

At the meeting of the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board to-day, a report from the engineer was read giving the result of his inspection of the Pelaw-Main reservoir contract, showing that the water has been turned into the reservoir for testing purposes, and stood at 22ft yesterday morning, and no leaks of any consequence were disclosed. The total depth of this reservoir is 24ft 6in. The test was so far regarded as satisfactory.

A STEWARD DROWNED.

A man named John Evers, 46, steward, and native of Germany, whilst standing on the North Stockton ferry wharf last night, by some means lost his balance and fell into the water. Several bystanders who witnessed the occurrence endeavoured to render assistance, but the man never rose to the surface. Dragging operations were commenced by Constable Toohey, but owing to the strong ebb tide he was not successful. The body was, however, recovered this morning.

The district coroner, Mr. Charles Hibbis, held an inquest on the body this morning, and returned a verdict of accidental drowning. The evidence went to show that the deceased was under the influence of liquor when he fell from the wharf.

DEMOLISHING COHEN'S WAREHOUSE.

The work of demolishing the four towers standing above the ruins of Messrs. D. Cohen and Co.'s warehouse has been proceeding for several days. For the present the towers and walls are to be pulled down to the level of the second story. The southern tower, above the wall adjoining the School of Arts, was brought down this afternoon, and part of the opposite tower.

COAL COURT TO RESUME.

After an interval of nearly three weeks, the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the disputes between the miners and colliery proprietors of the northern coalfields will resume its work to-morrow morning. Since the Court adjourned several of the collieries have been thrown idle by strikes of wheelers, the most notable being Back Creek and Duckenfield, which were idle for nearly a week. All the collieries, including Back Creek and Duckenfield, resumed work to-day. It is not improbable that when the Court reopens to-morrow the proprietors will again refer to the stoppages at these collieries. His Honor Judge Heydon, President of the Court, arrived from Sydney to-night.

DEATH OF AN HOTEL LICENSEE.

William Smith, 52, licensee of the Sportsman's Arms Hotel, New Lambton, was found lying dead this morning in front of his hotel. Some of his friends left him last night on the balcony of the hotel, and it is supposed that he overbalanced and fell to the footpath. His skull was smashed, and five ribs and one of his legs were broken.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Ascot will be the rendezvous of followers of pony and galloway racing this afternoon, when the cup meeting will be held under the control of the associated clubs. The customary service of special trams to the racecourse will supplement the ordinary traffic to Botany, and the first race is timed to start at 2.10 p.m.

The time for receiving entries for the New South Wales Trotting Club's meeting, to be held on Saturday next, has been extended until 5 p.m. to-day. The programme is set forth in our advertising sheets.

The magpie track was in use at Randwick yesterday morning, and on it Mountain King ran six furlongs in 1m 18s, while Tartan got over a mile in 1m 49s, a performance that London equalled. Graftinot beat Alteration over seven furlongs in 1m 34½s, while Pelsart and Lauron spurted half a mile together in 1m 53s. Collarit reeled off six furlongs in 1m 20s, while Lunar Light slipped over five furlongs in 1m 5⅗, a performance that was equalled by Croat. On the tan Fille Fogi spurted half a mile in 52s, and Comely put in a useful six furlongs. A strong mile went down to Malt Rose and Rouvray, while Hesper and Set Free, in company, completed six furlongs in 1m 23s. Lord Maltster and North Head galloped five furlongs at a useful pace, while Wee Lassie and Mariesa were in front of Ruffo at the finish of five furlongs, which they cast behind in 1m 42s. Lord Cecil and a mate were not asked to make time over five furlongs, and several others, including Antonio, The Owl, Poseidon, and Sir Aymer, spurted.

The New Zealand-bred racing mare Merry Delaval, by Seaton Delaval from Merry Maid, by Hotchkiss, was purchased at Messrs. Wm. Inglis and Son's bazaar yesterday by H. Freeland for 170gs., and W. Jurd gave 20gs. for a five-year-old gelding by Blarney from Red Rose.

At the request (made on Saturday last) of the jockey, F. Hickey, the A.J.C. stipendiary stewards yesterday, inquired into that rider's handling of Orfano at Rosehill on the 18th instant, and the officials report that having examined Hickey and the owner of the colt, and heard the evidence brought by them, found that though the owner was very dissatisfied with the way the colt was handled, nothing had been shown that Orfano had been ridden with other than the best intentions, and that the form since shown by Orfano and Malsterdelle point to the Rosehill running as having been correct.

The scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the Rosehill February meeting were:—Trenchmore out of the Granville Stakes, and Ennismar out of the Rosehill Handicap.

A promising candidate for amateur horsemanship honours is Mr. T. Evans, who made his debut under colours on W.A. in the Picnic Handicap at Randwick on Monday. Mr. Evans, who is a son of Mr. T. R. Evans, assistant secretary to the A.J.C., shaped well in the saddle, and should soon earn distinction in that branch of the national sport.

The racehorses Istria, Melodeon, and Scotland, in charge of their trainer, R. O'Connor, left last evening by rail for Melbourne, and by the same train Basiba (imp.) and Boomey, accompanied by their owner, W. Day, took their departure for the southern capital. Istria is engaged in the Oakleigh Plate with 9st 5lb, and in the Newmarket Handicap with 9st 3lb; Scotland is engaged in the Oakleigh Plate with 8st 8lb, and in the Newmarket Handicap with 8st 3lb; Melodeon's impost for the Australian Cup is 7st 11lb. Thalaba is engaged in the Oakleigh Plate with 8st 3lb, and in the Newmarket Handicap with 7st 7lb.

The appearance of the weights for the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup yesterday was responsible for some speculative investments on those events. For the first leg of the double the most in demand were Scotland, Istria, Pink 'Un, Little Toy, and Dusky Morn; finishing with Gaby, Purity, Apologue, and Tartan.

A special meeting of the New South Wales Breeders, Owners, and Trainers' Association was held last evening at the Cambridge Hotel, Market-street, for the purpose of discussing the question relative to the clashing of dates by the proprietary registered and unregistered clubs in the metropolitan district, and also to consider the adoption of the new rules of the association. Representatives were present from the Rosehill, Canterbury Park, Moorefield, and Warwick Farm Racing Clubs, and, after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to draft a scheme for presentation to the Premier, with the view of preventing the clashing of racing fixtures in the future.

Our Launceston (Tas.) correspondent cables that Myrrholme and Rhapsody have been scratched for all Tasmanian Turf Club engagements, the latter by order of the committee, his nomination not having been confirmed.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The following scratchings were notified to-day:—

V.R.C. Autumn Meeting.—Newmarket Handicap: Lady Ayr.

V.A.T.C. Autumn Meeting.—Oakleigh Plate: Lady Ayr and Nancy Loch. Futurity Stakes: Fidelis, Loyal Scot, Dunnottar, Hotchkiss-St. Elyn colt, Mazarin, Wooroonna, Perilous, and Ungarie.

C. Elon, who rode Akim Foo in the Anniversary Stakes at Williamstown on Monday, was quite unfit to ride in that race through illness. He was suffering from acute influenza, and, on his return home had to take to his bed.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

CAULFIELD.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The weather was deliciously cool at Caulfield this morning, and a couple of showers which fell yesterday afternoon kept down the dust. The grass track was open for work, and was fairly fast. Emigrant made a start with a mile in 1m 57s, and Flotation followed with six furlongs in 1m 26⅘s. Merrigong had assistance to run five furlongs in 1m 8⅘s. Ringlet went strongly. Demolition and Kilbride were shaken up towards the finish of five furlongs in 1m 43s, and these two colts are coming on nicely. Sekinsha and Carrissima did some even-time work. Grafton Belle ran seven furlongs in 1m 42s. Yiliah dashed off five furlongs in 1m 6s, and Arba a furlong less in 66s. Winteriga and White Eyes slipped over five furlongs, but their ease in 1m 10⅘s. Salvia sprinted three furlongs in 39⅘s, while Lady Rylstone did some even-time work. Dalriada and Delenda put past six furlongs in 1m 24⅘s, and Rondo a furlong less in 1m 9⅘s. Ilind and Bodyguard a working gallop of nine furlongs in 2m 11⅘s, and Tulkeroo bowled along at three-quarter pace for a mile and a quarter; but Little Toy went a bit faster. Lady Kelvin dashed off four furlongs in 52⅕s. Seddon beat Brigadier out of sight in a spin of seven furlongs in 1m 34⅘s. Boorara and Makapan were usefully employed. Purity was not extended for nine furlongs in 2m 10s. Dunlea and Dalliance were responsible for five furlongs in 1m 12⅘s. Birrelyne carried a heavy weight, and ran a mile in 1m 50s. Equiform did some useful pacing. It took Leading Lady 1m 22⅘s to run six furlongs. Riversdale, Greydawn, and St. Peter were together at the finish of five furlongs in 1m 6⅘s.

FLEMINGTON.

The sand track was sound, but apparently not very fast, going this morning; while the tan was in fair order. There was, however, not very much to interest in the proceedings, and there is hardly likely to be until some more of the visiting teams put in an appearance. Fiery Star went rather well in a gallop of a mile and a quarter in 2m 20s, but did the time-making in the early portion of it, as the first six furlongs were covered in 1m 22s. Adora helped her for the first mile and Dhobi brought her home. True Scot, who has evidently benefited by his spell, went along for five furlongs on the tan in 1m 16⅘s, and Ebullition ran a furlong further at an even-time pace. Step Out and Master Foote kept company for five furlongs in 1m 6⅘s. Apologue did improving work over a circle, the last half mile being run at an even-time pace. Decollette had the company of Veronice for five furlongs in 1m 6⅘s, and then went a furlong more alone. Tangaroa, who looks and goes well, experienced little difficulty in running six furlongs in 1m 20s. Le Jeune and Cullenan covered half a mile in 54⅘s, and Marc Antony and Somnambulist double that distance in 1m 55s. Fastness and Fruitful ran half a mile in 54⅘s. A newcomer was the Sydney jumper Conde, who did an easy task.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

The V.R.C. handicapper, Mr. W. E. Menzies, was prompt to time yesterday with the weights for the principal handicaps included in the programme for the autumn campaign at Flemington, and a glance over the adjustment shows that he has distributed the burdens with a pretty even hand. The candidates for the Newmarket Handicap are two short of a century, and Collarit heads the long list with 9st 10lb, or 10lb more than w.f.a., and though that burden has not yet been carried to victory in the big race over the straight six furlongs at Flemington, the speedy son of Haut Brion, if dressed in his best on the day, may be equal to the task. The imported horse Antonio follows with a concession of 4lb, and if returned to form should have a good look in with 9st 6lb; while with 8lb less Corroboree has not been overburdened, and the same may be said of Iolaire and Istria, who also are on the 9st 2lb mark. The New Zealand colt Elevation has been pretty well taken care of when asked to carry 9st 11lb, but, according to reports from the Dominion, he is not likely to be seen under silk on this side of the water during the autumn. North Head has been made to pay the full penalty for his second to Ebullition in the Newmarket last year, but 9st should be within his compass, and Step Out is fully entitled to a like impost. Melodrama has not been harshly used when asked to carry 8st 13lb, or 6lb more than he carried to the front in the Epsom Handicap; while, with a like impost, Pink 'Un and Munjeet should be content. Ebullition has been sent up 14lb for his victory last year, and 8st 13lb is his full complement. True Scot should be nicely suited with 8st 10lb; Traquair has been pretty well looked after, but Booran has not been harshly treated; while lower down on the 8st 4lb mark Little Toy, Tangaroa, and Scotland appear to have been fairly used, and the same remarks applies to Dusky Morn, Master Foote, and Montagu at their respective weights. In the 7st division Pompous, Lady Rylstone, Seddon, Galeria, Tortive, and Geebung have not been overrated, while Cuscandooley, Lady Joan, Equiform, Medaglia, and Akim Foo seem the most attractive of the light-weighted section.

Tartan and Apologue divide the honours at the top of the tree for the Australian Cup with 9st 11lb each, an impost that has not yet been carried to victory in the long-distance handicap of the autumn, Tartan being asked to carry 6lb more than he won under last year. Antonious has his full share in 9st 11lb, but Master Delaval and Melodrama, with 8st 11lb each, have not been badly treated. Putty reads nicely with 8st 4lb, and old Proceeder has been let down lightly when asked to carry 8st. Melodrama, who heads the 1st section, has been left with a fair chance, and the others in that division with attractive prospects are Peru, Dyed Garments, Gaby, Seddon, and Lady Diddlence, but, as usual, the light-weighted brigade is composed of a nondescript lot.

The weights are:—

NEWMARKET HANDICAP—2m.

	st lb		st lb
Collarit	9 10	Tortive	7 2
Antonio	9 6	Captain Shannon	7 2
Corroboree	9 2	Fille Fogi	7 1
Iolaire	9 2	Medallist	7 1
Istria	9 2	Riversdale	7 1
Elevation	9 1	Boastful	7 0
North Head	9 0	Submarine	7 0
Step Out	9 0	Geebung	7 0
Melodrama	8 13	Vendarme	6 13
Pinkie	8 13	Veronice	6 13
Munjeet	8 13	Currandooley	6 13
Ebullition	8 13	Carissima	6 13
True Scot	8 10	Kiwi	6 12
Traquair	8 8	Lady Ayr	6 12
Booran	8 8	Seychelles	6 12
The Owl	8 6	Bright Steel	6 11
Red Streak	8 6	Clemency	6 11
Decollette	8 5	Pretty Polly	6 11
Knox	8 4	Ilind	6 11
Little Toy	8 4	Sunbeam	6 11
Tangaroa	8 4	Lady Joan	6 11
Scotland	8 4	Equiform	6 11
Dusky Morn	8 3	Rondo	6 10
Miss Hilton	8 3	Sekinsha	6 9
The Castaway	8 2	Simplicity	6 9
Master Foote	8 2	Lady Mistake	6 9
Montagu	8 2	O.	6 9
Pompous	7 12	Snowy River	6 9
Grenadier	7 12	Medaglia	6 9
Maltine	7 11	Merrigong	6 8
Gaby	7 10	Pretty Peg	6 7
Curtain Lecture	7 9	Red and White	6 7
Lady Rylstone	7 8	Lady Kelvin	6 7
Rondo	7 8	Red Clover	6 7
St. Peter	7 8	Lord Grafton	6 7
Lord Carlyon	7 8	Two Step	6 7
Seddon	7 7	Akim Foo	6 7
Thalaba	7 7	Returned	6 7
Dalriada	7 7	Fiery Star	6 7
Limarch	7 6	Gracevale	6 7
Bengalee	7 5	Novitiate	6 7
Sweetness	7 5	Lady Orrell	6 7
Villa	7 4	Carrie	6 7
Lord Cecil	7 3	Quietness	6 7
Maravul	7 3	Grafton Belle	6 7
Scobie	7 3	Sustain	6 7
Illico	7 3	Banjo	6 7
Croat	7 2	Baker	6 7
Galeria	7 2	Clipper	6 7
		Merrigong	6 7

AUSTRALIAN CUP—2¼m.

	st lb		st lb
Tartan	9 11	Lady Rylstone	7 5
Apologue	9 11	Seddon	7 5
Antonious	9 3	Lady Diddlence	7 0
Master Delavel	8 11	Ribery	7 0
Melodrama	8 11	Duke of Clarence	6 12
Peru	8 10	Tria	6 10
Putty	8 8	Mosni	6 10
Tulkeroo	8 8	High Court	6 9
The Castaway	8 8	Dalliance	6 9
Proceeder	8 0	Enchanted Stakes	6 9
Melodeon	7 11	Delaware	6 8
Welcome Trist	7 11	Heriotere	6 7
Thackeray	7 10	Iliad	6 7
Peru	7 10	Jack Smith	6 7
Dyed Garments	7 9	White Eyes	6 7
Curtain Lecture	7 9	Fiery Star	6 7
Mira	7 9	Signature	6 7
Gaby	7 8	Boyong	6 7
Ganymedes	7 6		

CLASHING OF RACE CLUBS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Re letter of January 27, our friend has overlooked the fact that registered bookmakers have an option to be anywhere in the colonies, privilege pony books have not, also, they have all the holidays at their command, and very poor bettors some of them are. The public is not backing a good many of them don't try. They want, as a rule, out of 15 runners, about 12 running for them. Another thing the public have become convinced of, that on the pony tracks a legitimate racing at present at the pony clubs, also better prices, and by turning their books back and referring them to the Totalisator, the chance of picking winners than they have at the horses. In reference to the Gaming and Betting Bill, a good many thought it would crush the pony racing, but it is here to stay, also the convenience and comfort of the public is a great deal better looked after. Why should they not get the attendance when they cater so well for it. Absolutely no restriction as to height, if a pony is measured at 2 or 3 years old, is he supposed never to grow, and if he does must he discontinue racing to suit our friends, the book pitches because the pony clubs can hold their own, and while they continue to cater for the public in the lavish scale that they do they are entitled to the support. The bookmakers pay a great deal more for their privileges than the registered men, and are not squealers. There was no notice taken when pony bookmakers did not know which way to turn when favourite after favourite was winning here about 12 months ago. Now it is their turn to reap a little that they may well for, our friend squeals. Don't it appear to you that many of the pony books squeal at the worst, and they are by far the better bettors.

I am, etc.,

SPORT.

SALE OF RACEHORSES.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. held a sale of racehorses in training and untried stock at their stables, Randwick, yesterday. There was a good attendance. A large proportion of the lots offered were sold, but several left the ring without changing hands, among the latter being Barbican at 150gns, Croat at 170gns, and Jolly Kate at 225gns.

The following were the sales effected:—

B g, by First Puschka—Zillah, 5 yrs., Mr. Geo. Kiss, 15gns.

Bl g, by First Puschka—Miss Dundas, 5 yrs., Mr. Geo. Kiss, 16gns.

B g, by First Puschka—Zillah, 6 yrs., Mr. W. Fitzjames, 8gns.

Ch g, by First Puschka—Miss Dundas, 6 yrs., Mr. W. Fitzjames, 7gns.

Bl g, by Will o' the Wisp—Leah, 6 yrs., Mr. W. Fitzjames, 10gns.

Ch g, by First Puschka—May, 6 yrs., Mr. W. Fitzjames, 16gns.

B g, by First Puschka—May, aged, Mr. J. Finn, 9gns.

B g, by Yunko—Ormead, aged, Mr. S. Gould, 6gns.

Br m Dalpura, by Dalmeny (imp.)—Aqua Pura, 4 yrs., Mr. Geo. Kiss, 27gns.

Br f, by Bonnen, by Goanson (imp.)—Miss Nora, 3 yrs., Mr. R. Battersby, 115gns.

Ch g, by Orsil (imp.)—Vain Glory, 4 yrs., Mr. L. Abrahams, 32gns.

Bl g Sentiment, by Grafton (imp.)—Blanche Florence, 5 yrs., Mr. Geo. Kiss, 17½gns.

Ch g Bromine, by Medallion—Chlorine, aged, Mr. J. Finn, 10½gns.

B h The Castaway, by Skopos (imp.)—Akarina, 4 yrs., Mr. R. Battersby, 250gns.

B m Mountain Daisy, by Louis XIII. (imp.)—Daisy, 5 yrs., Mr. I. Earnshaw, 60gns.

B c Ortano, by Grafton (imp.)—Orpheline, 2 yrs., Mr. W. Miller, 40gns.

Br g Wallara, by Lochiel—Helen, 6 yrs., Mr. C. N. Godby, 130gns.

B c, by Voyon (imp.)—Blowing Stone (imp.), 2 yrs., Mr. I. Earnshaw, 30gns.

CRICKET.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CRICKET.

In the third-grade schools the teams in B district will resume the competition on Friday, by playing the fixtures postponed from December 26. The draw is as follows:—

Randwick Asylum v Bondi.
Double Bay v Darlinghurst.
Kensington v William-street.
Cleveland-street v Waverley.
Crown-street v Fort-street.
Randwick v Woollahra.
Paddington, a bye.

As the B district comprises more teams than any other this round has been set down for determination on Friday to hasten the close of the first round. The other districts of third grade will resume the competition on the 7th ultimo, when first and second grades will resume.

JACK MARSH IN FORM.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In a cricket match at Murchison on Saturday between Nagambie and the local team, J. J. Marsh, the ex-Sydney player, took seven wickets for 25 runs for the former team.

GOLF.

HUNTER'S HILL G.C.

January Continuous Bogey Handicap.

E. W. Gilles (12), 3 up.
H. R. Lysaght (4), 2 up.
R. L. Raben (14), 2 up.
Chas. Smith (29), 1 up.
G. D. Dampney (13), 1 up.

In the 36-hole competition on Monday Mr. C. G. Addison tied with Mr. G. W. Phillips for first place with a score of 2 down.

BOWLS.

NEW ZEALAND DEFEATS RANDWICK.

Yesterday the Auckland bowlers played the last match of their tour at Randwick. The New Zealanders were welcomed on behalf of the local players by Mr. F. G. Crouch (president). Previous to the match a presentation was made by Mr. J. Carlaw (manager) on behalf of the visitors, to Mr. A. J. Whitehouse (secretary of the New South Wales Bowling Association) in appreciation of the manner in which he had acted in the interests of the team. The presentation comprised a silver coffee service. There was a large crowd, and the green was decorated.

Though the Randwick team made a plucky fight for it the Aucklanders proved the victors by a 24 majority. In some of the rinks, notably that captained by Messrs. M'Intosh and Phippard, the game was stubbornly contested. The greatest disparity was in No. 6 rink, the scores standing 40-18 against the home side. The game was closest at the tenth head, when Auckland was 14-12. The visitors ran up to 28 without response from their opponents, and at the 22nd head they were 37-17. At the conclusion of the match the Randwick president congratulated the visitors, and was supported by Mr. D. Story, M.L.A. Mr. M'Callum responded for New Zealand.

Subsequent to the match Mr. Carlaw expressed his appreciation of the way in which his team had been treated by the State bowlers. Their hospitality and kindness, he said, had exceeded the wildest anticipations. On the subject of greens, Mr. Carlaw said, that Randwick possessed one, if not the best, they had yet played on in New South Wales. It more closely approached the New Zealand green than any other he had seen so far. Some of the team are leaving for the Dominion to-day. Details are:—

	N.Z.	R.
M'Callum, Hill, Kunaha, Hudson	23	.. 19
Crouch, Sweetnam, Lewis, Bromwich	19	.. 22
Miller, Carlaw (jun.), Carlaw, M'Intosh	20	.. 18
Cameron, Kiss, Fuller, Phippard	28	.. 23
Schnauer, Michaels, Young, Harrison	20	.. 18
Ward, Rose, Goodwin, Spohn	24	.. 24
T. Rankin, Meacham, Wright, R. Rankin	28	.. 23
Nelson, Waine, Kinnane, Gordon	23	.. 18
Shaldrick, Mills, Ballantyne, Laurie	18	.. 24
Scott, Upton, Williamson, Howe	24	.. 24
Arey, Murray, Eyre, Handcock	40	.. 18
Coulton, Bressington, Coulter, M'Clure	20	.. 18
Totals	265	.. 234

Half-hour scores:
N.Z.: 88, 88, 88, 127, 148.
R.: 87, 87, 74, 96, 124.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

TO-NIGHT'S CARNIVAL.

The New South Wales Cyclists' Union will to-night hold a carnival at the Sports Ground, Moore Park. The first race will take place at 7.45 p.m., and the sports will conclude about 10 o'clock. A large and varied programme of events has been arranged for the occasion. In addition to a number of handicaps and scratch cycle contests there will be one or two motor bicycle races. Tormey, a crack Pioneer Motor Cycle Club member, will, on a powerful 6-h.p. twin cylinder machine, attempt to lower all motor cycle records from one to five miles. The mile distance will take some beating. It stands at 1m 12s, made only a few weeks ago at Melbourne on the new saucer track. Tormey, however, is confident of beating the Melbourne time. Indeed, in practice he has covered the mile in 1m 9s.

Special trams will run to the Sports Ground for to-night's meeting.

PROPOSED MILITARY CORPS.

The recent great motor tour from Melbourne to Sydney by Messrs. C. B. Kellow and H. B. James in 25 hours 40 minutes gross time affords good reason why an automobile military corps should be established in the principal States. For quick conveyance of military heads from point to point, for despatch carrying, and a dozen other reasons the motor car would prove invaluable in time of warfare, even on rough roads. Most of the European nations already have their motor car and motor cycle military corps, and in recent manoeuvres their value has been amply demonstrated.

SWIMMING.

WELLINGTON Tuesday.

The swimming club have decided to hold their annual carnival on March 4. A letter has been received from the New South Wales Swimming Association, stating that it had decided to give up to £10 in sending its best swimmers to each of the country clubs' carnivals.

LAUNCH OF THE PERICLES.

ABERDEEN 12,000-TON LINER.

Advices reached Sydney by yesterday's English mail containing accounts of the ceremony of launching the magnificent and mammoth twin-screw steel steamer Pericles, built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast, to the order of Messrs. Geo. Thompson and Co., London, for the Australian service of the Aberdeen line.

The Pericles is about 560ft long by 62ft beam, and has a tonnage of some 12,000. Consequently, she will be one of the largest vessels engaged in the Australian trade. Moreover, the excellence of her passenger accommodation, and her complete installation of refrigerating plant, insulated chambers, and general cargo arrangements will make her one of the best combined passenger and cargo steamers afloat.

As the vessel left the stocks she was named by Mrs. Sanderson, wife of Mr. H. A. Sanderson, chairman of the line.

It is understood that Captain Alexander Simpson, of the Moravian, now in port at Newcastle, and due at Sydney to-day, will be appointed to the command of the new liner.

CAPITAL AND LABOUR COMBINE.

VICTORIAN COLLIERIES' MOVEMENT.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A mass meeting of the employees in the Jumbunna and Outtrim coal mines was held on Sunday, under the auspices of the Victorian Collieries Employees' and Owners' Federation. The motto of the federation is, "Mutual Prosperity."

Mr. H. J. Cox, president of the Jumbunna branch, stated that for many years past there had been nothing but strife and bitterness between the employees and employers in the Victorian coal industry, largely engendered by the attitude adopted by the now defunct Victorian Coalminers' Association, and the result had been disastrous to both parties. With the object of frustrating attempts to bring about strife through the head with a revolver. He left a letter stating that he was tired of life. His wife is residing in Sydney.

FATALITY AT A MINE.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

An inquest on a young man named George Butters Sayers, who was killed at Hainault mine yesterday as the result of being caught in the belting above the cyanide vats, and who was torn to pieces, was opened to-day and adjourned.

OLD MAN DROWNED.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

On Saturday the body of James Thompson, 72, was found in the river. The deceased had been missing for some days, and on Wednesday his hat was found in a boat.

GORED BY A BULL.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

A farmer named Otto Gaiser, of Mount Gravatt, was leading a bull into a stall on Saturday when the animal suddenly became savage and knocked the man down and gored him in a shocking manner. He died in the hospital this morning.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Leslie Smelt, aged 21, died at the Adelaide Hospital to-day. He was admitted on Saturday, having been struck by a piece of wood from a circular saw.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

BREADCARTERS' UNION.

The annual election of officers for the Breadcarters' Union held last night resulted as follows:—President, J. Larter; vice-president, A. Coutts; treasurer, J. A. M'Intosh; assistant secretary, H. T. Davie; financial and general secretary, Andy B. Spence; committee, W. Beechy, J. B. Tonkin, P. Bourke, J. M'Call, P. Paten, W. A. Coutts, W. Hagen; auditors, J. W. Peters and J. Turrell; guardian, J. Whitty.

ENGINEDRIVERS AND FIREMEN'S UNION.

An adjourned annual meeting of the Federated Enginedrivers and Firemen's Union was held at the Trades Hall last night. Correspondence was received from Wallsend and Cootamundra regarding the formation of branches. The secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements. The secretary reported having formed an agency at Dudley, in the Newcastle district.

COLD STORAGE EMPLOYEES.

The Cold Storage Union of New South Wales held its quarterly meeting last night. It was reported that 20 new members had joined. The union was now in a strong financial position, and was prepared to go on with its case at the Arbitration Court for the betterment of wages and working conditions.

TIPCARTING INDUSTRY.

Last night several yards in the tipcarting industry appointed the secretary, Mr. M. Connington, to wait on their employers to demand better wages and working conditions. If they do not agree the matter will be placed before the Arbitration Court.

THE JAM DIFFICULTY.

At the Darlington Town Hall on Thursday night a meeting will be held for the purpose of organising a union of the factory workers of Messrs. H. Jones and Co.'s jam factory. Mr. H. A. Mitchell has been appointed hon. secretary.

Mr. E. Williams, secretary of the miners' lodge connected with the Balmain Colliery, has been presented on behalf of the lodge with a gold medal and a smoker's outfit.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.

REARRANGEMENT OF OFFICES.

There is much detail work to be done before the rearrangement of the departments of Mines and Agriculture can be accomplished. Mr. Perry is in the meantime administering both departments, but it is expected that Mr. Wood will assume control of the Mines next week. One of the greatest difficulties is in the accountancy branch. In the past the accounts of both departments have been kept together, and the creation of the Department of Agriculture under a Ministerial head renders it necessary that an account branch for that department shall be established.

It is probable that the staff of the Mines Department will be transferred next week to the Chief Secretary's department. Mr. Perry is anxious to get all the numerous Government branches of the Department of Agriculture into the quarters now occupied by Mines and Agriculture. It is proposed to accommodate the whole of the new department, with the exception of the stock branch, on the "Mines" floor of the Lands Department. The Chief Inspector of Stock and his staff now located in rented premises in Pitt-street will be transferred to the basement of the Lands Department on the Gresham-street front.

The Technological Museum, at present housed in a dilapidated corrugated iron structure in the Domain, is to be given more commodious quarters in George-street North, and the unsightly structure in the Domain will be demolished. It is also proposed to create a museum of agriculture, on the first floor of the power-house building which is being remodelled to render it suitable.

Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, Acting Under-Secretary of Agriculture, formally took up his duties yesterday, and Mr. W. S. Campbell, ex-Director of Agriculture, has gone on four months' leave of absence.

THROWN FROM A SULKY.

FATAL STREET ACCIDENT.

George Thorncroft, a man of about 60, residing at Campsie, who was driving a sulky up Trafalgar-street, Petersham, yesterday, tried to pass between another vehicle and a lamppost. A wheel struck the post, and he was thrown out of the trap. He was semi-conscious when picked up. On his being taken by the Civil Ambulance to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital he was pronounced extinct.

MILITARY.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

The annual inspection of the Goulburn half-squadron of the 3rd A.L.H. Regiment, and the regimental band, was made by Captain Holman, D.S.O. The half-squadron, under Lieutenants Chisholm and Twynam, did creditably in troop and squadron drill, and the band was very efficient.

FOREST FLORA OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. J. H. Maiden's monumental description of "The Forest Flora of New South Wales" goes steadily on, and we now receive vol. III., parts 8 and 9. It will be remembered that this important botanical publication was begun in Sydney in February, 1904. The last of the present issues forms the twenty-ninth instalment of the complete work. The present parts have some particularly fine photographs of acacias. The letterpress, according to its established rule, is at once popular, practical, and accurate. Part 28 is devoted to descriptions of a bog onion, the brown stringybark, the broad-leaved wattle, and the murrogun. Part 29 contains accounts of the bastard rosewood, a white stringybark, Baker's wattle, and the stinking cryptocarya. Attention is drawn to the issue of Mr. Maiden's critical revision of the eucalypts.

ACTIVE SERVICE POCKET-BOOK.

Lieut. Bertrand Stewart's "Active Service Pocketbook" (W. Cl

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good amount of business was effected on Change yesterday at firm rates. North Coast Steam shares advanced /1¼, Toohey's Brewery /3, other sales being practically at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Commercial Banking Company, £28/7/6; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin (paid), 24/6, ditto (10/ paid), 11/; A.J.S. Bank, B deposits, 13/3; Bank of New South Wales, £43/5/; Toohey's, Limited, 13/; Bank of New Zealand, £9/15/. Afternoon: North Coast Steam, 24/10½; United Insurance, £5/15/; Bank of New South Wales, £43/6/, Fresh Food and Ice Company, 12/.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.*
				£	£	£	
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S. due 1912	..	3	85	83	..		3½
Do., due 1922	..	3½	98½	98	..		3½
Do., due 1912	..	4	102	101	..		3½
Do., due 1915	..	3½	90	88½	..		3½
Do., due 1921	..	3½	95½	95	..		3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	4	..	97	..		..
Do., due 1939	..	4	100½	100	..		4
Do., Act 1878	..	4	108	108	110		3½
Do., 4 p.c., due 9.8.'07	..	4	100½	..	..		3½
Do., Deb., 1908	..	4	..	100	..		4
Do., 1906	..	3½	100	..	..		3½
Do., T. Bills, 1908	..	3½	100	99	..		3½
Ditto	..	4	101½	100	..		3½
Ditto, T. Bills, 1911	..	3½	99½	..	..		..
Ditto, T. Bills, 1915	..	4	..	..	..		..
N.Z. Deb., 1913	..	4	101	..	..		3½
Do., 1921	..	4	104½	101	102		3½
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	4	101½	..	..		3½
Ditto, Tr. Bills	..	4	104½	103½	101½		3½
W. A. Inscr.	..	4	101½	100	..		3½
Ditto, 1932	..	3½	..	..	..		..
Australian Gas Deb., 1927	..	4	101½	101	..		3½
City Syd., Deb.	..	4	104	..	..		3½
Do., 1908	..	4	103½	..	104		3½
Col. Sugar D. 1914	..	5	108	107	..		4½
BANKS.							
Aust. J.S.	21	1	..	..	..		..
Australasia	40	40	14	100	102		3½
City	10	8	3	77/6	..	77/	6½
Do., New	10	8	3	87/6	..	87/6	7½
Commercial of Australia	15	10	..	10/	..	..	..
Do., pref.	15	10	3	6/1	..	..	..
Com. Syd.	..	25	12½	10	..	28	8½
Do., New	..	..	..	10	29½	..	..
National of Australasia	..	..	..	..	90/	90/	..
Do., pref.	..	20	20	10	43½	43½	4½
N. Zealand	..	92	84	10	92	..	9½
N. Queensland	..	7	7	4	21/6	22/	5½
Q'land National	..	5	5	4	17/	16/9	17/6
Royal of Q.	..	9	8½	4	94	95	8½
Union	..	75	25	18	90½	90½	6½
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank, Class B.	..	..	3	13/3	13/	13/6	4½
Class B., 1917	..	..	3	13/10	..	..	..
Do., Inscr.	..	..	3½	12/6	..	12/6	5½
Com. of Aus. Assets	..	..	3	17/6	17/6	..	3½
E.S. and A. Deb.	..	..	4	18/9	18/3	..	4½
Do., pref.	..	..	3	12/9	12/7	..	4½
Do., def.	..	..	4½	19/	18/3	..	4½
Q. Nat.	..	..	5½	16/9	16/9	..	4½
STEAM.							
Bal. Ferry	1	1	10	37/	36/	38/	5½
Howard Smith	1	1	10	34/	..	35/	5½
Do., pref.	1	1	10	18/6	..	18/9	5½
Pref.	1	1	5	20/8	..	20/3	4½
Do.	..	5	5	5/6	..	5/3	4½
Illawarra	..	25	..	23	22/	24/	4½
Newcastle	..	1	1	6	25/	24/6	25/6
North Coast	1	17/6	8	24/10½	24/9	25/	6½
Ditto, new	1	17/6	8	23/10	..	..	..
Port Jackson	1	15	..	..	38/	37/6	4½
Syd. Ferries	1	1	10	37/	36/	38/	5½
Do., new	1	10	10	53/6	..	48/	5½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14½	41	41/	..	3½
Col. Mut. Fire	..	1	20	47/4½	..	..	..
Mer. Mut.	1	6	14	18/6	18/6	19/6	4½
New Zealand	10	9	15	90	..	..	..
Queensland	1	10	8	18	17/6	20/	4½
United	..	5½	12½	5½	5½	5½	5½
COAL.							
Ballarat	1	1	17½	69/	..	65/	5½
East Greta	1	1	10	29/	..	29/	6½
Hebden Greta	1	1	10	..	..	6/	..
Hetton	..	5	5	5	5½	6/	6½
Metrop., pref.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pitts, pref.	1	1	8	..	..	17/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	..	..	..	..
Mt. Fidelia Coal and Oil, Ltd.	10	10	..	..	..	24	36
Newcastle	10	10	5	7	..	..	..
North Balli	1	1	..	24/6	23/	30/	..
South Greta	10	10	..	14/	13/6	..	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/6	5/6	..	14½
Ditto, new	..	10/	..	10	..	..	..
W. Cyfrodd	1	1	10	29/	28/	30/	6½
Wallsend	10	4	15/	28	28	..	5½
Waratah	..	..	..	1/	7	1/	..
Wickham and Bullock R.	1	20	..	8/6	8/6	9/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	18	..	4/6	5/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	..	19½	10½
Australian	6	6	10	19	19½	20	4½
Ditto, new	6	6	10	19	19½	..	4½
Char. Towers	10	10/	10	14/9	..	..	..
Goulburn	1	1	15	58/9	..	..	..
Grafton	1	1	8	30/4	30	31/	5½
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	7	21/	20/	..	..
Maitland	5	5	7	29	..	29	..
Manly	1	1	6	34/	35/	..	..
Ditto, new	..	..	..	..	34/6	..	..
Mudgee	1	1	7	23	22/6	..	6½
Waverley	1	1	2	7½	7½	..	6½
North Shore	1	1	9	39/	40/	44/	4½
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	10/6	10/6	11/6	7½
Australian	6	6	10	19½	19½	20	4½
Toohey's	15/	15/	20/	30/10½	27/	32/6	6½
Tooth's	1	1	10	39	39	40/	5½
MISCELLNS.							
Aarons'	15/	10/	..	9/1	2/11	..	..
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	23/9	22/6	25/6	8½
Aust. News	1	1	..	19	14/	..	..
R. H. W. Sup.	1	1	1	4/6	3½	4/	..
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	39/	..	40/	5½
Do., New Issue	1	10/	10	20	..	..	..
Cml. Sigal	1	1	10	41½	41	41½	4½
Do., New Issue	1	10	10	20	..	..	..
Dalgety and Co.	20	5	7	64	64	..	5½
Dunlop Pneu. Tyre, pref.	1	1	7	19/6	..	7	..
Fenn B. Rail	..	..	..	4/10½	3/	..	..
Fenn, Rail. H.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fenn and Pros. Gravel	1	15/	6½	10/	..	10	..
F. Food, Ice	10	10	10	13/	12/9	13/6	7½
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	6	14/9	14/6	15/	6½
H. Mackenzie, Ltd.	1	1	7	22/9	22/	25/	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	23/	..	..	..
Hotel Metropole	..	20/	6	1/	20/9	..	6
Ditto, pref.	..	10	15	..	10/9	..	..
Hubbuck's Zinc, White,	..	..	..	..	33/6	..	..
M. de Pleta	1	1	10	38/	36/	..	6½
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	18/9	18/3	..	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	18/9	18/3	..	6½
Paul and Gray	1	1	17½	28/6	..	..	12½
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/	5/	..	6½
Perp. Trustee	10	10	10	13/6	13/3	..	6½
Pitt, Son, R.	1	11/	10	..	..	17/	..
Queland Meat Ex. and Land	..	..	..	..	..	..	13/	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	12/6	12/6	14/6	7½
Silv. Trust	1	1	40	70/	70/	..	10½
Syd. Tcbacconist	1	1	5	16/	13/	17/	6½
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	11/1d/	..	..	5½
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	22/	21/9	23/	6½
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/6	15/	15/6	6½
Syd. Hyd. and S. E.	1	1	8	..	..	..	..
W. H. Steel, Patt., and Co.	1	2	10	48/	43/6	..	4½
LAND and BD.							
Com. B. and L.	..	..	..	..	2/6	..	2½
Excels. Dep.	..	..	..	..	9/	..	..
Ind. Prov.	20	20	6	19/	..	..	..
Intern. Inv.	1	15/	10	19/	..	..	4½
New. B. and I.	..	..	..	6	19/	..	..
Syd. Free. L.	..	4/7	20	8/	..	..	..

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. ‡‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex Interest. § Call paid. † For six months.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Quotations and sales: Gulf Steamship, b 39/, s 42/; Perth Gas, 47/.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Quotations: Queensland National Bank, inscribed stock, s 17/4; Queensland 3½ per cent. Loan, s £101. Sales: Royal Bank (preference), £10; A.J.S. Bank, "B" deposits, 13/1½.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent., 1908, £30; E.S. and A. Bank deposits (def.), 18/10; Metropolitan Gas, £10/10/; Melbourne Tram, 24/; Kauri Timber, 9/3.

FINANCIAL.

SYDNEY BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the Sydney banks for the week ended January 27 totalled £3,196,847, against £4,606,183 for the corresponding week last year. The following comparison may be made of the totals up to date from January 1 to nearest dates:—

January 1 to February 1, 1904	£17,886,000
January 1 to January 30, 1903	14,388,150
January 1 to January 29, 1906	16,809,000
January 1 to January 28, 1907	15,192,153
January 1 to January 27, 1908	14,564,000

There has thus been a falling off of £2,378,756 up to date this year, as against last. The clearings of the Melbourne banks from January 1 to January 30 totalled £13,904,656, a decrease of £1,715,233.

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY.

The report of the above company covering the 13 months ended December 31 shows a net profit of £7695, which, with £1175 brought forward, made £8870 available for distribution. The directors propose appropriation as follows:—To reserve fund, £2500; to write down premises account, £1500; to dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, £2500; leaving £1370 to be carried forward. The reserve fund will now stand at £20,000. This strengthening of the reserves is due to the magnitude of the business, its highly technical nature and the large liability on the shares. New business has been coming in satisfactorily. The following comparison may be made:—

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31.

	1905.	1906.	1907.
Net profit	£7,333	£7,992	£7,864
To reserve	2,000	3,000	2,500
To dividend equalisation fund	1,000	500	..
On premises	2,468	1,500	1,500
Dividend, per cent.	10	10	10
Amount of dividend	2,500	2,500	2,500
Forward	993	1,173	1,370

The paid-up capital of this company is £25,000, there being an uncalled capital of £975,000. The volume of business is gradually increasing, as may be seen from the following figures:—

AMOUNT AT CREDIT OF ESTATES NOW BEING ADMINISTERED BY THE COMPANY.

1904	£5,580,194
1905	5,758,222
1906	6,051,280
1907	6,406,053

GOLD EXPORTS.

Gold shipments from Melbourne on Tuesday by the R.M.S. Ormuz consisted of £5000 for London, shipped by the Orient S.N. Company. Shipments for Hongkong comprise £7496 per the Japanese mail steamer Yawatu Maru, and £1000 per the E. and A. Company's Aldenham.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Yesterday's wool sales were attended by rather heavy withdrawals, holders' ideas of values scarcely coinciding with buyers' limits.

Prices were maintained at about last week's rates, faulty lots being fully 5 per cent. below December prices.

At auction only 4956 bales were disposed of out of the 8416 bales offered. Private business added on rather over 2000 bales to the quantity disposed of.

Freeman and Co., Ltd., has been formed, with a capital of £10,000 in £1 shares (of which half are to be issued as fully paid up), to take over the business of Freeman and Co., photographers. The registered office of the company will be in Sydney. The first directors are to be Messrs. A. S. George, H. K. Maxwell, and W. R. George, and Mr. A. S. George is the managing director.

Hales, Ltd., has been formed, with a capital of £20,000 in £1 shares, to take over the business now carried on at Bourke by M. A. Leefson and F. W. Hales, and recently bought by them from E. Rich and Co., Ltd., and to carry on the business of indent and general merchants and importers, storekeepers, general carriers, shipping agents, etc. The registered office of the company will be at Bourke, and Messrs. F. W. Hales and M. A. Leefson are to be the first directors.

The Ashford Coal Company, Ltd., has been formed with a capital of £10,000 in £1 shares, to buy from the Fraser's Creek Coke and Colliery Company certain mineral leases in the parish of M'Donald, county of Arrawatta, New South Wales, to acquire coal-bearing land, to mine, and otherwise turn it to account. The registered office of the company will be at Inverell, and the first directors are to be E. Hall, R. T. Vyner, C. W. Dight, W. F. Everett, W. Nichols, J. Swan, and J. Sinclair.

COMMERCIAL.

The Sydney import market was quiet on Tuesday. Merchants had to attend both to inward and outward European mail correspondence. Orders for the following month are increasing, and an increased volume in trade is looked for immediately. The tea market maintains its firmness. The oil market showed much activity yesterday, following upon the cabled advance in B. and S.'s linseed oil. The cornsacks and branbags market has continued to be firm, and there is a strong demand for both lines of jute. Various lines of groceries are meeting with increased request. The wholesale price of Upton's candles has been reduced 1d.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was easier on Tuesday morning, and became weaker during the day. Business transactions were very limited. There was no change in the attitude of buyers in holding off the market. Buyers offered 4/3½ to 4/6 per bushel, delivered in Sydney, and sellers wanted 4/7. These rates are nominal. A sale of a parcel was recorded at 4/6½. The weakness of the market was largely due to private advices from London that the rate for Australian cargoes had fallen to 34/6.

Last week 10,357 bushels of wheat and 1616 sacks (200lb) were imported from South Australia into New South Wales.

A moderate amount of business in flour on bakers' account was done on Tuesday at the following rates:—New Flour, £10 10/ per ton; old, £11; country brands, £10/5 to £10/10.

The f.a.q. standard of New South Wales wheat has been raised three years in succession. For the season 1904-5 the standard was 90lb per imperial bushel, being the lowest on record. In 1905-6 it was 62lb; 1906-7, 62½lb; and this season 63lb.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 1904 tons of wheat and 32 tons of flour were entered to arrive.

Wheat and Flour by Rail.—The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Darling Harbour and other metropolitan stations during the week ended January 25 compare with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended January 25	4,402	261
A week previous	3,414	180
A year ago	3,308	1,300

The receipts of wheat and flour during the first three weeks of this year compare with those of preceding year as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 4 weeks in 1908	10,490	3,054
First 4 weeks in 1907	17,287	2,988
First 4 weeks in 1906	13,345	1,068

Comparison of Prices.—The prices now ruling for wheat and its products compare with those of a year ago as follow:—

	Last Year. £ s. d.	Yesterday. £ s. d.
Wheat, per bus.	0 2 11	0 4 6
Flour, per ton	7 0 0	10 0 0
Bran, per bag	0 0 8½	0 1 4½
Pollard, per bag	0 0 8½	0 1 4

Two years ago new wheat was worth 3/3, flour £7/15/, bran 9½, and pollard 1½.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Teas.—All medium and superior kinds are firm. Sales: 120 packages Ceylon and Indian at /8½ to /9½; 100 Indians at /8½ to /9; 60 Ceylons at /8½. Invoices.—There is an improved demand for many lines. Upton's canvas hats have been reduced 1½d.

Brewers' Goods.—There was no change in the quotations of any lines.

Oils.—A good demand existed for oils, and 1000 drums of H. and S.'s and Taylor brands of raw and boiled linseed oil went at 3/6 to 3/8 for H. and S.'s above 1 min. 50 secs., and 80 degrees F., Redwood). The denaturants should be submitted for approval to an official analyst, and should be mixed in the presence of the Collector, and the correct proportion added to each vessel containing China oil.

Metals.—The market for metals was active, and several lots of wire and netting were sold. Forty miles of 42 x 14 x 17 x 3 grade wire-netting, locally manufactured, brought £38, 11½ miles of 42 x 14 x 18 at £38/12/6. Ten to 15 tons of each of the following:—German black wire, No. 8 gauge, £8/5/; No. 10 gauge, £8/10/; American, No. 8, £8/17/6; No. 10, £9/7/6. Several truckloads of locally-made barbed wire at £13/10/ to £17. German galvanised wire was disposed of at £10/15/ to £11/5/.

Jute.—Branbags were firm at 4/9, and cornsacks were in strong demand at 6/3; woolpacks were quiet and unchanged at 3/7.

Calcutta cable advices stated that the rate for branbags was 4/4¾ c.i.f., February-June shipment.

Groceries.—There was no change in the late quotations for Eastern goods. Business in most lines was quiet. Rice continued very firm, and best Japan sold in small lots at £23 to £24; Burmah was realised £19/10/ for first quality, £19/10/ for second quality, and £18/10/ for third quality. Tapioca remained steady at £23 for seed pearl, and £25 for medium pearl. Split peas were quoted at £16, pearl barley at £18/10/. The demand for seeds was quiet. Hemp was quoted at £21; rape at £23 to £29/10/; and linseed at £16/10/. Coffee was quiet. A moderate business was recorded in spices, cloves being worth from 1/ to 1/3, nutmegs 11 to 1/, pimento /8, and caraway seeds /84 to /9. Mace sold at 1/10, and cassia buds, 1/3, for finest sticks. The prices for ordinary oatmeals were at 22/ per cwt, and flaked ditto 24/.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 1200 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

The Customs revenue collected at Sydney yesterday amounted to £18,069.

Customs Decisions.—Tin boxes or tins imported empty, containing currants for tobacco or other goods, are not to be charged duty under item 380 when declared showing the goods to be packed therein, but under item 175 (A). Cowdhill fibre tubing, dutiable under item 178 (C). Crimson and Ceylon flannels being dutiable under item 152 (A), it is necessary that women's fancy flannel bloomings should be similarly dealt with, and are therefore to be classified under item 228 (A) or (B). Scales and spring balances are not weighing machines. The term "weighing machine" is usually applied to the larger and more complicated mechanisms for dealing accurately with large weights and to the complicated machines for weighing out fixed quantities, sometimes called automatic feed weighers. A spring balance is a weighing apparatus in which the weight is indicated upon a scale graduated proportionately to the extension of a spring or springs.

E. H. Harris and Co. will offer at their mart, Castlereagh-street, at 11 a.m. to-day, clocks, cruets, enamelled ware, Mildura raisins, groceries, hops, etc.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Wheat was irregular at 4/3½ to 4/6½. Flour was reduced by 5/ to £10. The association quotation for bran and pollard is unchanged at 1/2, but millers are obtaining 1/3½. 500 bags choice malting barley made 3/9, and a few hundred bags good 3/6. Cape barley was 3/7 to 4/. About 1200 bags of Algerian milling oats sold at 3/3½, and a few hundred bags of feed at 3/ to 3/2. Inquiry for maize was reported from Sydney at 4/4 f.o.b., but holders were unwilling to sell. Peas were firm at 4/, and chaff unchanged at £4/7/6 to £5/10/. Potatoes were steady; Pinkeyes brought 60/ to 70/, and prime to choice Gippsland 80/ to 85/. Globe onions were rather quiet at £5. Small supplies of new brown Spanish onions arrived in town. 200 packages of Ceylon tea sold up to 1/3, partly for export. There is a good inquiry for tinned herrings. Five tons of Calcutta linseed were placed. Cornsacks sold at 6/4 to 6/4½, and hranbags at 4/9 on spot. Some holders now ask 4/10. Fencing wire, now landing, sold at £8/5/.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The following prices were obtained for fruit in the Queen Victoria Market to-day:—Almonds, /6 to /7 per lb; apples, 2/6 to 6/ per case; apricots, /2 to /3½ per lb; currants, black, /3 to /4; ditto, red, /3 to /3½; figs, 3/ to 4/ per half-case; grapes, 4/ to 9/ per case; oranges, imported, 24/ to 26/ per double case; lemons, ditto, 25/ to 27/; mulberries, /3 to /4 per lb; nectarines, 2/6 to 3/6 per half-case; peaches, 3/ to 8/ per case; pears, culinary, 2/ to 3/6; ditto dessert, 4/ to 7/; plums, 2/ to 6/; raspberries, /3 to /4 per lb; strawberries, /6 to /9 ditto; walnuts, /7 to /9 ditto.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the live stock market to-day 2,489 fat sheep were yarded. The supply consisted chiefly of second and useful descriptions, best wethers being moderately represented for good and prime qualities. There was improved demand at from /6 to 1/ per head advance on last week's rates, while for middling and inferior sorts prices were practically unaltered. Quotations were:—Prime crossbred wethers, 15/ to 16/6; extra, to 17/11; good ditto, 13/6 to 14/; with hoggets from 10/; prime merino wethers, 13/ to 14/6, a few extra to 15/6; good ditto, 10/9 to 11/9; second ditto, 8/ to 10/; inferior, from 4/. Prime merino wethers made 12/9 to 14/6, a few higher; good ditto, 10/9 to 12/; second ditto, 8/6 to 9/6; inferior, from 6/6; with merino ewes from 5/ to 10/6.

Fat lambs had 1700 penned. Best descriptions realised slightly improved rates. The general tone of the market, however, was unsteady, prices in most instances ruling about equal to former quotations. Prime sold 11/9 to 12/3, extra 12/ to 17/6, good 8/9 to 10/9.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/1¾ per ounce standard, an advance of /¼.

METALS.

Jan. 25. Jan. 28.

Copper.—Spot, b £61, s £61/5/; three months, b £61/12/6, s £61/17/6—a drop of £1/2/6 on both since January 25.

Electrolytic Copper.—£63/10/, a drop of 15/ since January 20.

Tin.—Spot, b £122/5/, s £122/15/; three months, b £123/2/6, s £123/12/6, a reduction of £2/17/6 spot and £2/15/ forward since January 25.

Lead.—Soft foreign, b £14/12/6, s £14/13/9, an advance of 2/6 since January 24.

FROZEN MEAT EXPORTS.

During the week ended January 25, 26,646 carcases of mutton were exported, of which 22,253 were for the United Kingdom and Continent, and 2207 for Canada. No beef was exported from Sydney last week.

BUTTER EXPORTS.

The butter exported from Sydney in the week ended January 25 comprised 17,616 boxes to the United Kingdom and Continent, 86 to Hongkong, 40 to Hawaii Islands, 9 to South Sea Islands, 9 to British New Guinea, 8 to Fanning Island, 5 to China, and 5 to New Caledonia.

PRODUCE MARKES.

TRADE IN RUSSEX-STREET.

Quiet conditions ruled in the forage section. Victorian chaff was worth £6/5/, while Adelaide was back to £6/10/. At auction, in spite of extra large supplies, a very strong market was reported. The oatmeal market was not too well supplied, and millers quoted 1/4 to 1/4½ for bran, and 1/4 for pollard. Grain was practically unchanged, with a rather better demand for prime maize. At auction, however, 4/10½ was the best price obtainable. A shipment of 9000 bags of Tasmanian potatoes arrived, best reckoning bringing £7/10/. Onions were worth £7, with a few prime moving at £7/10.

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Current quotations were:—

Barley.—Cape, seed 4/6 bus.

Maize.—Prime yellow, 4/10½ to 4/11; white, 4/11 bus.

Peas.—Blue, 6/; grey, 4/10; inferior, 4/8 to 4/9 bus.

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4/7.

Chaff.—Wheat.—4/7½ to 4/8; inferior, 4/6.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, heavy milling 5/8, Tasmanian: White, 3/5. Local: Algerian, 3/4 bus.

Bran.—1/4, 1/4½; pollard, 1/4 bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Victorian: £6/5/. Adelaide: £6/10/. Western Australia: Nominal. Tasmanian: £6 ton. At auction: Local, extra prime £7, good to prime, £6/15/ to £6/10/.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £6/10/. Adelaide: £6/10/ ton.

Derrick Straw: Tasmanian: £3/9/. Melbourne: Nominal.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: £5/15/ to £6. At auction: Prime large bales, £6/2/6, prime small £6/10/.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—£2 to £3. New Melbourne: Redskins, £7/10/; white, £6 to £6/10/; Pinkeys, £6 to £6/10/. Auction: £2, prime to £5/10/.

Onions.—Victorian: £4 to £4/10/. New Local: £4 to £7/15/; Silverskins, £7. Melbourne Globes, £7; few choice, £7/10/ ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter has again advanced. The London market was excited, and exporters were busy. Melbourne has been much higher than Sydney for the past week. On top of a steady local demand and big exportations came a falling-off in the supplies. The Illawarra district is in a precarious state, though the extreme South Coast and the Northern rivers send good supplies to market. Special flavoured brands were quoted at 108/, and choice 102/ to 105/. The Government contract has again been amended. Now the department is calling for tenders for supplies for three months, and prices must be considerably higher than what merchants were prepared to originally tender. Cheese and bacon were again in brisk local supplies and scarce of the former, but imported lines were plentiful. Eggs were again up. New-laids realised as high as 1/7, with supplies fairly plentiful. Rabbits were improved to 1/3, with choice South Coastal lines bringing 1/2. Northern rivers were up to 1/. But the quality of many case eggs was very inferior, and smells were busy receiving returns.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 108/, choice 102/ to 103/, seconds 94/ to 96/, pastry lines 90/; choice separator factory, 100/ to 102/; choice dairy, sides 98/ to 99/, pitches 100/ to /9, middles 100/ to 102/, special brands, sides /10½, pitches /9½, middles /11½. Hams: In cloth, 1/ to 1/2; special brands, 1/3½ to 1/3; barged, 1/2½ to 1/3; special brands, 1/4½ to 1/3 lb.

Honey.—90lb tins extra choice extracted /8, prime /7½ to /7¾, good /7, inferior and candied /6.

Bacon.—Bright, 1/2½ to 1/3; fair, 1/2 to 1/2 lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf, 58/ to 60/; good /6½ to /6¾, inferior from 55/; prime large, 57/ to /7¼, good /6½ to /6¾; inferior from 58/. Imported: Tasmanian, 62/ to 64/; Canadian, 60/ to 62/.

Eggs.—Prime, large, and small bladders, /7 to /7½; special, /7½; bulk, /6 to /7.

Fish.—Northern rivers, /6 to /11, few 1/; Southern and railway, 1/ to 1/4, choice up to 1/2; new-laid suburban, 1/4 to 1/6, choice to 1/7; new-laid duck, 1/1 to 1/4 per doz.

POULTRY.

The opening sales of the week were characterised by the same depressed conditions that have prevailed ever since the holidays. Natural food is very scarce, grain feed and offal is very dear, and growers are feeding their poultry to market in any condition. Prices continued very low.

Late rating were:—

River.—Old hens, 1/9 to 2/; young roosters, 2/6; chickens, 1/6; English ducks, 2/ to 2/6; Muscovy, 2/6 to 3/; ducks, 5/ to 5/6; geese, 5/; goslings, 5/; turkeys, hens 7/ to 8/; gobblers, prime 10/ to 14/, extra heavy to 17/; guineafowl, 3/ to 4/ pair.

Suburban.—Fowls: Young roosters 4/, very small 3/ to 3/6, old hens 3/ to 3/3; ducks, English 3/6 to 4/, small 2/6 to 3/, choice 3/; Muscovy, 3/ to 4/6, drakes 4/; guineafowl 4/ to 5/; chickens, turkeys, hens 8/ to 10/, choice 11/, small from 4/6; gobblers, 12/ to 15/, prime 17/6, inferior from 8/; geese, 6/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/6 pair.

FIREWOOD.

A very big sale was reported at the three auction stations, over 40 trucks coming under the hammer. Prices suffered a slight decline all round.

Late rates were:—Best quality, 14/ to 15/, medium 11/6 to 13/; bakers' wood 10/ to 12/, rough 8/ to 10/; stringybark, 10/6 to 11/6; ironbark, 10/6 to 11/6 per ton.

AUCTION SALES.

Tuesday's was the largest sale for three or four months, 94 consignments of produce being put to auction. A good number of buyers attended, and, especially during the first hour or so, the tone of business was distinctly brisk. An exceedingly large proportion of chaff was forward, namely 54 truckloads, out of the total of 94, and there were 20 truckloads of lucerne hay. The rest of the produce except wheat, of which there were 10 consignments, sold in small lots. The following are the numbers in which the commodities were offered:—Chaff, 54; lucerne hay, 20; lucerne chaff, 1; oaten hay, 4; wheat, 10; maize, 1; oats, 1; Cape barley, 1; and potatoes, 1. Altogether out of the 94 consignments forward 66 were sold. In spite of a very large amount of chaff coming yarded the market for forage was rather firmer, though rates for grain receded slightly on those ruling at the end of last week. With supplies so plentiful, however, nothing but this continued dry weather could have kept prices at their present levels. Chaff improved upon the rates last quoted, extra prime fetching 7/1, prime from 6/ to 6/10, medium to good from 5/4 to 5/11, and straw chaff 3/6, while a single truckload of lucerne chaff realised 6/ per cwt. Rates for lucerne hay also improved, prime large bales bringing from 6/5 to 6/11, prime small bales from 6/ to 6/5, medium 4/4 to 5/3, and Hunter River large bales 6/1 per cwt. Of the four consignments of oaten hay offered one fetched 6/, and another 4/6

THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

A London Christmas.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Christmas in London! And as the thoughts of many in Australia will have turned in these days to the merry Yuletide they knew in the land where they learnt their Yuletide customs, so there are Australians here who have before them visions of a very different Christmas season in the midsummer of the land of the Southern Cross. To Englishmen in Australia will have come memories of frosty nights and snow-crowned days, of the holly with its berries of red, and the mistletoe with its immemorial sanctions, of carol-singing from the cheerless streets without floating in upon the warm comforts of the fireside, and the good cheer and the foregatherings within. The Australian in England, too, has memories as good as these, for his thoughts turn to the sunshine and the blue sky, to the open spaces of the bush, and the beauty of Christmas flowers they have never seen here—to the no less merry gatherings by river and bay and cove. And if he be of Sydney he will perforce think of the rolling ocean by which he was once surrounded, and the long white beaches upon which it curls and dashes in sparkles of white foam under the morning sunshine—beaches from which one could plunge into the champagne of it, and emerge refreshed and lightened. The fact is, there are compensations. Christmas in England lacks something you are glad to have. You are the poorer by the absence of some of the glories of the English Yule.

The present Christmas, however, is not up to the best traditions of its class. There is no snow, and the weather, though all right just at the moment, was of a spring-like warmth a day or two ago, which afterwards degenerated into a suggestion of fog and rain, that filled people with forebodings of disaster. There has been no snow, and no carol-singing. The traditional singing of the waits on Christmas Eve may still survive in its pristine picturesqueness in the old country villages and towns. Even that is a matter of some question. In London it was very hard to find, and then only in the lugubrious habit of one or two ragged boys and a few unkempt men and women, professional beggars all, so that it became apparent that a beautiful custom had degenerated into an appeal for alms, not any more picturesque than that of the crossing sweepers, who stand at innumerable street corners and ask pence of you. No, I am afraid the waits are rapidly becoming the monopoly of writers of Christmas stories. The holly and the mistletoe are real enough, though, and cartloads of each are sold in the streets much in the way of our Christmas bush. The holly in particular deserves its fame. Its glossy dark green leaves and red berries make a beautiful and cheery effect in these lean days, when the once glorious trees in the parks and gardens and squares and on the boulevarded streets stand in thousands gaunt and black and bare, without a vestige of green life. And the indoor spirit of them, of the picking up of hundered threads, of genial good-fellowship expended upon all and sundry, what time the blazing fire roars up the chimney, and the cheerful hearth is a sanctuary and a shrine—that is real enough. The Australian himself instinctively feels that this is no place for open-air gatherings. The fire's the thing obviously. That thought is in the air, literally and figuratively, both. For the long-delayed winter is abroad in the land at last, and the keen edge upon the wind outside turns him homeward effectively enough. So it comes about that all over London streets are empty and houses are brilliantly lighted, and wherever a raised blind gives him opportunity he will see a cosy room, a group of people, and the flicker of a fire upon the wall.

Christmas Eve and Some Shops.

The English may or may not be a nation of shopkeepers, but any honest man who sees the Christmas shops of London will be forced to the conclusion that what these people do not know of the art of attractive display is not worth knowing. The shops during the past few weeks have been the most gorgeous sight imaginable. The great houses that cater for the decorative side of life, the Libertys, the Jays, the Warings, the Peter Robinsons, the Harrods, the Whiteleys, the Swan and Edgars, to name a few that are household words here—the host of others whose goods fill the great West End thoroughfares of Oxford-street, Regent-street, Piccadilly, Bond-street, and the tens of thousands of those elsewhere, have doubtless done business to an aggregate extent that runs into millions. Apart from the business they do, however, and without thinking of the armies of buyers that all day long crowd these rendezvous, the thing that astonishes the man in the street is the completeness of the artistry, and of the inventiveness shown in the display of their wares. Their window dressing is a fine art. I could name dozens of places before whose windows day after day thousands of people have stayed in wondering admiration, not so much for the sake of the obviously desirable goods within, but rather for the delight of merely looking upon an artistic effect. In one costly and beautiful goods are daintily set out. In another is a blend of gorgeous colours. In a third, groups of lifelike figures stand in silks and satins under festoons of fairy electric lamps, and in their midst cunningly devised fountains play among palms. Some of these windows extend for 50 yards along the street; some for 100 yards. Some emporiums cover acres of ground, and each of their windows is a shop in itself. Of the bewildering provision for the children, who, above all others, come into their own at Christmas, it is impossible to speak. The display of toys is astonishing. There are innumerable shops that deal exclusively with them, and their wares crowd their premises, and overflow upon the sidewalks—and is there not, also, toy fair?—of which more anon. The one disappointing feature of the shops, and of Christmas Eve generally, is that they close early. There is none of the final demonstration of crowded streets, and fairy lights, and rollicking noise, that with you make it a gala night. On the contrary, London, whose brilliancy on every other night is a fascination, due largely to the fact that until 9 o'clock rows and rows of arc lamps before the open shops flood the streets with light, shuts down early on Christmas Eve. In the afternoon the chief streets are impassable, choked and thronged far beyond their capacity. At 10 o'clock at night they are deserted, practically. Christmas Eve is the one night when business is unlikely. It is the night of parties, reunions, Christmas trees, indoor gatherings of every description. Many of the theatres, even, recognising that fact, remain closed. Shopping is over. However, down in the East End, whither I wandered, Whitechapel way, the game was afoot merrily enough. Here, throngs of people were abroad, rough-hewn specimens many of them, hard of feature, of uninviting aspect, begrimed, and often drunk. Others of them, rough indeed, offered no suggestion of unpleasantness. Bright and cheery, noisy maybe, and not over-careful of appearances, they were obviously out for enjoyment, and they got it. The huge Jewish population of the East End bubbled to the surface constantly. They evidently constitute a great proportion of the whole, for about here the placards outside the theatres and music halls are printed in Yiddish. In long lines upon the kerb's edge stood hundreds of barrows and costers' carts, lit up by torches suspended above them. Their owners did a roaring trade in illimitable lines of merchandise. You could purchase anything in reason along here, from household furniture, or a drapery outfit, to a handful of roasted chestnuts lying red hot in an iron dish set upon a small brazier. One man was reaping a solid harvest by the sale, at a halfpenny a piece, of no less solid slabs of plum pudding. Another tested your lung capacity, or allowed you to try to punch a swinging leather ball—an accomplishment of some value hereabouts. A butcher sold his joints to the highest bidder, auctioneer fashion. And so on, ad infinitum. There was no suggestion of abject poverty; on the contrary, many a good East End housewife was going home laden with parcels, and many an honest father carried some fair shoulder baby toys, rocking-horses, and similar articles destined to bring the immortal vision of Santa Claus before the eyes of innumerable little dwellers in this incredible wilderness. But there were certain dark alleys, off-streets, and the like, down which one wandered tentatively, and from which was not slow or sorry to emerge. These would tell a different tale. The East End is wonderfully changed from what it once was. Broad streets have replaced acres of slums. But it is not yet cleansed—far from it—for all the marvels of self-denying work that go on there unceasingly. Christmas Eve must have been a curious function in some of those places. But the efforts made this year to encompass the poor and the sick in the sweep of Christmas charity have been prodigious. Thousands of pounds have been subscribed, and tens of thousands of toys and dinners distributed. I have seen it stated that so great was the provision of good things that not a solitary child in this vast city need go without some reminder of Christmas Day, nor the poorest slum-dweller without some unaccustomed good cheer. One of the sights of London in Christmas week was undoubtedly Toy Fair, in Holborn, near the Viaduct. It had been gathering strength for days past, but on Christmas Eve it reached its climax, and 250 men, women, and children stood side by side upon the kerbstone, each with his little tray in front of him, and each crying his penny wares. Toys of all descriptions went at a penny apiece. Thousands of people gathered round the merchants, and brisk business was done for hours, to the accompaniment of a din of sound that almost drowned the approach of the motor 'buses.

Christmas Day.

Christmas morning broke fine and frosty and clear. There was a nip in the air that one had not felt before, and the sun actually shone for nearly two hours! Churches were filled in the morning, and the old familiar hymns and carols were duly sung. In the afternoon London was as a city of the dead. Her streets were silent. Again it was borne in upon the Australian that Christmas is an indoor season. Even the exodus of the 150,000 who had gone over to Switzerland for the holidays would not make the impression. Seven millions had disappeared. The temperature falls lower and lower. Boxing Day has no outdoor attractiveness as a holiday, although 60,000 enthusiasts stood in the east wind at Chelsea to see a football match. Others went walking and cycling. At night the pantomimes began, and the theatres were crowded. To-day it is a cold world. Snow is threatening, an east wind bites along the highways, and a still colder attack is reported to be moving upon us from Russia. "Fine Christmas weather" calls the Londoner, cheerily. The Australian, trying vainly to feel his fingers, assents, cautiously, but with determination.

"SAID THE BARBER."

THE LAST CUSTOMER IN THE CHAIR.

A week ago it came to the ears of the inspector under the Early Closing Act that a number of the barbers of Botany were in the habit of working after closing time fixed by the Act, and inspector Bonarius strolled out to the suburb one evening, and discovered that some of the saloons were lighted and business was in full swing, notwithstanding the hour was nearly 9 o'clock. As a result of his visit three cases came on for hearing at the Redfern Police Court yesterday, John Nilsson, Charles Cutler, and Charles Fahner, hairdressers in the Botany district, pleaded guilty to charges against them.

"But," said the defendant Fahner, "I would like to ask your Worship a question."

"Oh; but you must not ask me any questions about law," replied the magistrate. "You know I could see by your face when you were coming up to the table that it would be a case of 'Said the barber.'" (Laughter.)

"But, your Worship," interjected the defendant. (Laughter.)

"Well, go on," replied Mr. Isaacs. "I knew it was a case of 'Said the barber.'" (Laughter.)

"Well, your Worship, what is a man to do? The law is wrong. (Laughter.) On this particular evening I had three customers; three regulars, who won't go anywhere else. They come all the way from La Perouse, five miles, to get their hair cut and a shave. Of course they come together; one brings the other. (Laughter.) They enter the shop just before half-past seven. It takes 20 minutes to do each man properly, and I never do it any other way. (Laughter.) The last man is in the chair when the inspector comes in. I tell him so."

The inspector: "That is right."

Defendant: "Well, I can't turn the customers away, your Worship."

The Magistrate: "But you know you get these customers through the other shops being closed."

The defendant: "No fear, your Worship. People come five and ten miles to my shop."

The Magistrate: "Well, the law is that you can only finish the man in the chair after 7.30 p.m."

"But, your Worship," replied defendant, "these customers are inseparable; when one comes he always brings his mates with him."

The Magistrate: "You say it takes 20 minutes to do each man; how much talking do you do?"

Defendant: "Oh, I never talk, your Worship." (Laughter.)

The Magistrate: "Well, I will not be hard on you; it is a case of 'said the Barber.' You are each fined 10s and as cash, in default imprisonment for three days."

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY.

A SUCCESSFUL REPORT.

The annual report of the above company, which appears in our financial columns, evidences another prosperous year, enabling the directors to grant the usual 10 per cent. dividend, and to set aside £3500 to the reserve fund, and £1500 to writing down premises, while carrying forward £1379 13s 2d. The first-named appropriation increases the reserve fund to £39,900, and the one which must commend itself to the shareholders, who receive a bonus of £5 10s per share, carry the heavy liability of £9 15s per share. To the company's clients who entrust it with the management of their estates. Such a reserve in a business of a highly technical nature is of great value to the trust clients representing, as it does, with the subscribed capital of £1,000,000 very substantial security against maladministration or breach of trust.

The company continues to expand its business, and the report shows that it now manages almost £4,500,000 of trust assets, the figures having increased by nearly £500,000 during the year. This indicates that the services of the company trustee are being availed of by an increasing circle of clients, who reasonably recognise that it offers many advantages over the individual trustee in the security it offers, and in other directions, such as economical working, accessibility of the management, rendering of accounts, etc.

It is apparent that trustee companies have firmly established themselves after a long struggle against the conservatism and misconception of the public, and are destined to be very much more generally used than at present.

SPRY AT 77.

MADE YOUNG BY CHANGE OF FOOD.

Any food or combination of foods that will restore vigour to the digestive organs of a person 77 years old who had been troubled with indigestion for years, is worth looking into.

This Kansas woman says:—

"I am 77 years old, and for many years had suffered from indigestion, which I supposed was caused by old age. Thought the weakened organs would never do good service any more.

"I became so weak I could hardly get about, my breath came with difficulty, I was really in a bad way. I lived as I always had, ate meat and other things that were clearly too heavy for my digestion, but I didn't know any better way.

"Five months ago I came to the conclusion that I would not live much longer without help of some kind. I was badly discouraged until one day I read about Grape-Nuts, what it had done for others, and finally I concluded to try it myself.

"Wonder of wonders, what a change it made. I eat three heaping teaspoonfuls with cream for breakfast, and the same amount for supper. Of course I eat fruit and something light to make up a meal, but I can eat a hearty dinner—leaving out meat.

"I never good feel. I can do more work in a given time than for the past five years. I can walk two miles or more, and can hardly believe my own senses as to the change. I did not have much faith at first, but the next thing I knew I would get up in the morning and rush around and do things so easily it surprised me. All this change is clearly due to Grape-Nuts, and I am thankful." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little booklet, "The Road to Wellville," in pastegas. "There's a Reason." Advt.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

THE ADVISORY BOARDS.

THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

Three advisory boards, in terms of the Closer Settlement Act passed last session, were appointed at yesterday's meeting of the Executive Council. The boards are to carry on their operations in the northern, central-western, and southern districts respectively, and are constituted as follows.—

Northern District.—Messrs. F. G. Finley (chairman), W. N. Sendall, and J. Wetherspoon.

Central-western District.—Messrs. A. Sharp (chairman), J. E. Hoare, and S. Whitmee.

Southern District.—Messrs. E. J. Cobcroft (chairman), J. D. Norman, and F. C. Piggin.

The main object in selecting members to constitute the boards was that each board should have (1) for its chairman a high official of proved capability and suitability for the important position; (2) an experienced and reliable valuer of country lands; and (3) a resident of the district with practical experience as a primary producer, and a good knowledge of what the various classes of land are specially adapted for, as well as of their values.

The boards will immediately inspect and report upon the most suitable lands for closer settlement. They will act partly on their own volition, and partly at the instance of the Minister for Lands. One of their first duties will be to report concerning the lands within fifteen miles on either side of railway lines recently authorised. In other cases the Minister will direct them as to estates respecting which inquiry must be made, and they will also be left largely to their own resources and their own judgment. The Act provides that within six months from the passing of any railway bill the Government is to notify by proclamation its intention to acquire lands for closer settlement within 15 miles of the proposed line; and once the proclamation has been issued no disposition of such lands shall operate to defeat the power of the Government to resume them under the Act, but the restriction ceases to have effect after the expiration of 12 months from the date of proclamation.

Mr. Sharp was for 11 years district surveyor at Forbes, and has been for over five years chairman of the local land board. Has acted temporarily as Assistant Under-Secretary for Lands. Mr. Finley was for four years district surveyor at Armidale, and has been chairman of the local land board for nearly 17 years. Mr. Cobcroft has been district surveyor at Wagga Wagga for nearly seven years, and had charge of the work in connection with the acquirement of the Gobbagombalin and Marrar estates. Mr. Sendall is a staff surveyor at Tamworth. He was specially employed in connection with the survey and valuation of the Peel River Company's Estate, and carried out the work with conspicuous ability. Mr. Hoare has had nearly 20 years' practical experience on the land as a farmer and grazier in the Central-western district. He was C.P. Inspector from 1902 to 1907, during which time he also did a great deal of appraisement work, and has since been entrusted with valuating work by the Savings Bank Commissioners. He is regarded as possessing a sound knowledge of the capabilities and values of country lands. Mr. Norman also had about 20 years' practical experience in farming and grazing in the southern district. In 1890 he was one of the judges of farms competing for national awards. He has done a great deal of work in appraising special areas and conditional leases, etc., and was one of the valuers of the Gobbagombalin Estate. He was entrusted with the duty of inspecting and reporting recently upon cancelled improvement leases, and has since been engaged as a valuator for the Savings Bank Commissioners. Mr. Piggin (southern district) resides at Corowa. He has been a member of the local land board for 17 years, and was also formerly of the firm of A. A. Piggin and Co., stock and station agents, from which he retired a few years ago. Since then he has been engaged in farming and grazing, including dairying. He has had wide experience in land matters, in connection with which he is regarded as a reliable guide. Mr. Wetherspoon (northern district) resides at Spring Glencoe, near Glen Innes. He has had a very lengthy experience on the land, both as a grazier and agriculturist, and has always taken a very lively interest in land settlement. He is one of the ablest and most trusted leaders of the Farmers and Settlers' Association. Mr. Whitmee (central-western district) resides at Spring Hill, near Orange. He is president of the Canobolas Shire Council, and is an experienced and successful farmer, and a man of sound judgment in land matters.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

PRIZE MEETING AT TAMWORTH.

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A rifle meeting promoted by the local defence units was held yesterday. The results were:—

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The Aggregate, scores in Matches Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to count.—Res. Mortimer, 104; Res. J. M'Leod, Res. Alderman, Corporal Greentree, 102; Sergeant Doherty, 100; Lieut. Norton, Res. Upjohn, 97; Res. Armstrong, 96; Res. J. Ireland, 95; Res. H. Lord, Res. H. A. Bunnell, 93; Res. W. Lord, Res. Taylor, 91; Res. Bunnell, Corporal Dines, &c.

Res. J. A. M'Leod won the cup known as the Canter Cup in the Merchants' Continuous Match, five shots at 500yds.

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The Crookwell and Woodhouselee rifle teams shot off a match at Crookwell yesterday. The conditions were eight shots at 200 and 500 yds, five at 600 yds. The houselee won, scoring 373 against Crookwell's 318.

FORBES, Tuesday.

A triangular home and home match between the members of civilian rifle clubs, representing Forbes, Parkes, and Peak Hill, took place yesterday. The conditions were ten men a side, 7 shots at 500 and 600 yds. The totals were: Peak Hill 368, Parkes 356, Forbes 353. The highest scorers for Forbes were Miller, Bates, and Shirvington, who made 59. A strong wind and dust-storms prevailed at Forbes, which would account for the big difference in the scores. There was a handicap competition for the trophy presented by the Singer Company, which was won by A. Miller.

WENTWORTH FALLS, Tuesday.

A match was fired over the 500 and 600 yds ranges yesterday between the Gladesville Rifle Club and the Wentworth Falls Club, which resulted in a win for the former by 9 points. Gladesville made 274, 267—541, Wentworth Falls 273, 259—532. Scores:—Gladesville: H. Bourne, 33, 32—65; J. Lanchester, 32, 30—62; W. Staley, 30, 29—59; H. Tompkins, 32, 27—59; J. Killen, 27, 28—55; H. Hutchins, 28, 24—52; J. D. Reeves, 25, 24—49; J. R. McPhie, 18, 30—48; H. Summers, 23, 24—46; R. S. Styles, 27, 19—46; totals, 274, 267—541. Wentworth Falls: J. King, 30, 33—63; C. King, 29, 28—57; R. W. Knox, 34, 27—61; W. Craig, 29, 30—59; B. Cochrane, 21, 28—59; T. H. Burrell, 29, 24—50; T. Cale, 21, 25—47; F. Sharp, 28, 19—47; W. F. Weeks, 25, 19—44; G. Jarvis, 26, 15—41; totals, 279, 253—532.

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OXFORD.—LONDON BIOGRAPH CO.

A packed house on Saturday night witnessed the change of bill by the London Biograph Company. The collection of subjects, all of which were entirely new, was an excellent one, and probably the best so far exhibited at the popular George-street Theatre. Vaudeville forms of an enjoyable character were also given by leading artists, including Mr. Harry Rocks, Miss Lilian Treece, and Miss Beatrice Ray. A matinee will be given this afternoon, a number of fresh subjects, which arrived too late for Saturday night, will be shown for the first time.

QUEEN'S HALL.

The London Bio-Tableaux entertainments at the Queen's Hall are now presenting an excellent series of living pictures, many being new to Sydney. A matinee will be given this afternoon.

VICTORIA HALL.

The new programme of moving pictures submitted to the large audiences at the Victoria Hall, Pitt-street, is an unusually attractive one. A matinee will be given by the American Picturescope Company this afternoon.

THE HAYMARKET HIPPODROME.

The detective drama, "Brought to Bay," will be played for the last two nights at the Haymarket Hippodrome. On Friday night the hushranging drama, "Outlawed by Fate," will be produced. A matinee will be held on Saturday afternoon.

BENEFIT CONCERT.

The farewell benefit to Mrs. Baxter, of Mentone, is to be given in the Manchester Unity Hall, Castlereagh-street, to-night. An excellent programme will be submitted.

ALPHA DRAMATIC CLUB.

To-night, at the Standard Theatre, the Alpha Dramatic Club will produce the comedy "Found Out," preceded by "Confederates."

SYDNEY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Philharmonic Society was held last night in the Girls' High School, Castlereagh-street. The president, Sir W. P. Manning, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance.

The adoption of the report was moved by the chairman, and seconded by Judge Backhouse, Mr. Q. L. Hellstern and Dr. Waffle also speaking in favour of the motion. The report stated that the past year had been of more than usual interest, and in some respects a memorable one. The loss of such prominent members as Sir James See and Mr. W. P. Manning, A. J. Delany, and Gerard Vollmar was regretted. Signor Hazon, who had occupied the position of conductor for the last 15 years, and of late years had been assisted by Mr. Rickards's valuable services, but also that the cause should be his failing health. Out of over 100 world-wide applications, Mr. Joseph Priestley, of the Glasgow Choral Union, was chosen as successor. He holds the diploma of F.R.C.O., and Mus. Bac., Oxford, and occupied his late position since 1885. He is expected to arrive here in March. Mr. W. Arundel Orchard acted as conductor pro tem. The usual four concerts were given, the "Creation" on March 21, "Israel in Egypt" on August 23, and Beethoven's "Mount of Olives" (for the first time) at the last concert.

The office-bearers were re-elected, with the exception of the committee, which resulted as follows:—Messrs. Q. L. Hellstern, H. Clarke, A. Corkhill, W. Lamb, G. A. Mitchell, R. Mackay, Dr. Waffle, Messrs. Herbert, R. M'Nelly, and J. Y. Mills.

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The Poultry and Kennel Notes in the "Sydney Mail" each week are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF RANDWICK.

BATHING ORDINANCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinances providing for the construction, maintenance, and management of public baths; the regulation of bathing, and the observance of decency in connection therewith; the provision of life-saving appliances, danger notices, and life-saving attendants; and the construction, maintenance, and hiring by the Council or other persons to the public of bathing-houses and bathing machines and the regulation thereof, have been made and notified to the Government Gazette, No. 6, of 22nd January, 1908. The public are warned that after 14 days from the date hereof, all persons committing a breach of any or all of the ordinances referred to will be prosecuted without further warning.

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A— £25 DEP., 14s wk. (incl. int.).—Annandale, 3 rm. 1d tram.—Sup. W.B. Cott., hall, 4 rms., kit., fern., stables, land, 50 x 150. PRICE, £490; WARD, 77 P'matta-rd, Annandale, nr. T'gar-st.

A— £10 DEP., 7s wk.—Solid W.B. Cott., 5 good rms., hall, kit., big laundry, bathrm., stove, gas, garden, yard. Very low price, £395 (rent Merton-st tram). No. 44, WARD, 77 P'matta-rd, Annandale.

BONDI JUNCTION.—4-rmd. D.F. Cottage, cor. blk. land, £350, shed, dwelling, stable, near new tram, Torrens title, splendid order, £50 cash. Price, £400. Apply Sykes, Paul-street, Bondi Junction.

CENTENNIAL PARK.—Gentleman's Residence, overlooking park, contg. 8 rooms, kit., P'dry, and all conv., stable, etc. Must sell. Apply G.P.O. Lease from Ocean-street.

PAIR pretty brick Cottages, 3 rms., kit., bath, laundry, cop., tubs, gas stove, hall, facing park, 2d tram, Torrens title, rentage 17s 6d. Price, £360. MACDONALD and CO., Bondi Junction.

STANMORE INVESTMENT.—3 new Brick Cottages, 3 rooms, offices, concrete foundations, each let 10s week, near tram, Johnston's Estate, close to railway, £1275. J. BAKER, 58 Comms-rd, Petersham.

W. B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, hall, front verandah, large workshop, city water, land 90 x 120. Torrens, £150. G. H. DAVIES, 34th Avenue, Rookwood.

WAHROONGA.—Choice Building Sites, next Presby. Ch., 3 min. station. Cottages built on easy terms, your own design and under your own supervision. Tel., 100. W. A. BROADBENT, Builder, Wahroonga.

ANNANDALE.—Nearly 1-acre Land, fronting, kerbed and guttered, good street, new properties, Torr., 3 min. from 1d trams, valued £125. If sold at once, £100. BROWN, 276 Trafalgar-st, near Balmain tram.

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COOGEE.—A few choice Blocks, elevated, with grand ocean views, JUST AT AQUARIUM. These are unquestionably the pick of the district. All particulars at my office. S. H. Hancock, 71 P.O.-chbrs., 114A Pitt-st.

COOGEE.—Asturia Est., a few good Blocks still left, ocean view Water Frontage. Inspect this Estate, and be convinced as to its genuine value and glorious location, elevated, cr. views. FRANK GRIMLEY, 303 Clarence-street, Sydney.

FOR Sale, bargain, Rooty Hill, good Home, cent., drawing, 5 bed, breakfast, and servant's rms., all mod. conv., land 3¼ acres, under cult., in tiptop order, £500. E. PRATT, 34 Pitt-street.

NEXT SATURDAY'S SALE.—Weldon Estate, consisting of House and 20 Sites, corner of Liverpool-road and Weldon-street, BURWOOD. Executors mass to sell. Terms. Torrens Title. Ldlrds.
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FACTORY PREMISES, SPLENDIDLY LIGHTED, Over 35,000 square feet of floor space, and over 4000 square feet of Vacant LAND. PRICE, £3600.
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STANMORE.—£30 DEPOSIT, BALANCE WEEKLY. A beautifully finished new D.F. Brick COTTAGE, with every modern convenience, contains hall, 5 lofty rooms, kitchen, pantry, laundry, linen press, bathroom, with hot and cold water services, wide verandah at rear, tiled verandah and bull-nose walk to front, marble mantels, tiled hearths and grates, picture rails, fanlights, venetian blinds, ornamental fibrous plaster ceilings.
LAND 30 x 120. Torrens. PRICE £675.
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ENMORE.—D.F. Brick COTTAGE, hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, laundry, tiled verandah and walk, fibrous plaster mantels, tiled hearths and grates, picture rails, venetian blinds, PRICE, £665.
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INVESTMENT AT MARRICKVILLE. FIVE NEW BRICK COTTAGES, elevated position, close tram, rents £169. Torrens, £1700.
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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell at Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Draught Mares, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel. 1331.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS,

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY,

AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above, On account Mr. GEO. CHRITTEY, Nimitybella, 50 FIRST-CLASS HORSES, comprising— Heavy and Active Draughts, Sp. Van, Chrome Heavy and Cardinal Waggon Horses, Omnibus, Cab, Buggy, and Sulky Horses and Hacknays, all thoroughly sound and broken to saddle and harness, and unbroken. Amongst the lot are a Chestnut Gelding, 16 hands high, by Brazil, 6 years old, also several other high-class Horses by the trotting sire Brazil and Ariel, bred by Mr. Faithful; also included in the consignment are a pair of cream Pony Geldings, 4 years, 14.3 high, thoroughly quiet in single and 4 harness; also thoroughbred Horse, by Huret, in train, ran second to Mary F. recently at Bogo. On account Mr. H. A. BEST, Dural. Brown extra heavy Draught Gelding, young, thoroughly stanch. Bay Gelding, broken to harness, stanch. On account of OWNER. Chestnut Mare, broken to harness, suit van or springcart. On account Mr. J. HODGENS. First-class Bay Active Draught Gelding, 5 years old, stanch and good, highly recommended. On account Mr. M. CREAGH, Shellharbour. 2 Useful Saddle and Harness Horses, broken in. On account of OWNERS. 10 Draught and Light Horses, broken in.

BAY DRAUGHT GELDING, 5 YEARS OLD, BROKEN TO HARNESS, SUITABLE FOR BREWER, TIP-CART, AND SET OF HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Hurley, Manilla, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., The above. STYLISH TURNOUT AND PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. Roy to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., Bay Pony, 12 hands, 4 years old, sire Vendetta, dam by Forest King, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, lady can ride or drive, quiet to trains and motors; Sulky and Harness, nearly new; also Black Pony, 13 hands, 5 years old, thinkset, very fast in saddle or harness.

BAY GELDING, 15 HANDS, BROKEN TO SADDLE AND HARNESS; ALSO SET OF HARNESS; BLACK PONY GELDING, 14 HANDS, BROKEN TO SADDLE AND HARNESS; GENT'S SADDLE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Mcfonald to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., The above. TWO HIGH-CLASS SULKY TURNOUTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. H. Bennett to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., Very handsome Bay Buggy Gelding, broken to saddle and harness, rubber tyre Sulky, sliding seat, almost new; Chestnut Gelding, very fast, Blooded Sulky, sliding seat, and Harness. PONY SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., Bay Gelding, stanch, high-class hooded Sulky, and Harness. FAIR UPSTANDING BAY CARRIAGE GELDINGS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. Pitcher to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Fair Upstanding Bay Geldings, suit carriage work. HIGH-CLASS BROWN MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the breeder to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Jet Black Mare, 4yrs. old, by Black Wilkes, exceptionally stout build, absolutely sound, perfect manners, broken to saddle and harness, used in traffic, would make an ideal show-ring mare. FREE SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, 7yrs, winner of several show prizes, fast and stylish in har., stands trams. WELL-KNOWN PACING STALLION.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, LORD FITZROY, Ches. Pacing Stallion, 6yrs., 17 hands high, very fast, sire Knight Errant (imp.), dam by Childe Harold (imp.), broken to saddle and har. RELIABLE M.S. HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. H. Rodgers to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, 6yrs. old, 15.2 high, broken to harness, trial. FAST SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. May to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Chas. Gelding, 6yrs., very fast in saddle or har. BROWN GELDING, 6yrs., 15 hands high, broken to harness; would suit buggy.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. E. D'Arcy to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, The above. PAIR CREAM GELDINGS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. Sinclair to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Fair Cream Geldings, 6yrs., thoroughly broken to single and d. harness. TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock, Gladesman, 14.3, Kes. Cert., by Blarney—Arundel mare. Pass. at sale. MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

INGLIS'S RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS, 69 GEORGE-STREET, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above on account Messrs. Mcintosh Bros., D. Boniface, and other owners, 60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies on the Northern and Hunter districts. RELIABLE ACTIVE VAN OR SP. DRAY MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. L. Murphy, Liverpool, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, on FRIDAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock, Brown Mare, very stanch, and active; can pull Street; well known in Cabramatta and Liverpool district; highly recommended.

CLEARING SALE, VEHICLES, HARNESS, ETC., at the Stables, 127 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 2.30 P.M.

J. H. BEALE has received instructions from Mr. J. JOYNTON SMITH to sell, as follows, viz:— 1 Carryall, 1 Bent-shaft Sulky, 2 Hooded Buggies, 2 Waggonettes, 1 Sulky, 2 Hooded Sulkies, 4 Commercial Travellers' Buggies, 1 Hooded Buggy, several Buggies, Sulkies, and a Sociable. Also, an exceptionally good Brougham, in good order, imported and built by Offord and Son, London. Several sets of Light Harness. TERMS CASH.

400 HORSES, 400

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LOWCOCK, BROUGHTON, and KING, GUNNEDAH.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer CATALOGUES TO-DAY in the SALEROOM, MACQUARIE-PLACE, as under:— RABBITSKINS, at 9.30 a.m. At the Stores of Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Pitt, Sen., and Badgery, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., LEATHER, at 10.30 a.m.

WOOL SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, WEDNESDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, BRIDGE-STREET, at 3 p.m., as under:— New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., 2014 bales. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., 3287 bales.

ANNANDALE.

TO-MORROW, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION at JERSEYVILLE, CORUNNA-ROAD and JOHNSTON-STREET.

MODERN FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

SPLENDID BELLING PIANO, Cheque to Buyer.

HALL, DINING and DRAWING ROOMS, FOUR BEDROOMS, Etc, Etc.

Sideboard, Auction Suite, Rattan Chairs and Overmantel, Whatnots, Carpet and Linoleums, BEDROOM SUITES, ALL-BRASS BEDSTEADS, etc.

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SYDNEY DAVIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, Chambers, Tel., 2197.

ASHFIELD,

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 29th JAN., AT 10.30 O'CLOCK A.M., at "MINNERVILLE," VICTORIA-STREET and NORTON-STREET, ASHFIELD (opposite Ashfield Fire Station).

Under instructions from CHARLES E. SHEPHERD, Esq., in consequence of his departure for Japan. ARTISTIC MODERN FURNITURE. JAPANESE WORKS OF ART. VALUABLE BRINSMEAD PIANOFORTE. CATALOGUES AT THE RESIDENCE.

MESSRS. H. AND A. LAWSON (HARRY LAWSON, AUCTIONEER), 12 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS, OPP. G.P.O., PITT-STREET. TEL., 1267. In conjunction with Messrs. WOODBRIDGE and HIGGS, PROPERTY SALESMEN, HERCULES-STREET, ASHFIELD.

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AUCTION SALE, MONDAY NEXT, 3rd FEB., AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

Under instructions from Miss VAN BRAKNEL, on the premises, MILITARY-ROAD, near Post-office, MOSMAN.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND SHOP FITTINGS, including ROSISCH PIANOFORTE, DROPHEAD SINGER SEWING MACHINE (new), HANDSOME SIDEBOARD, BEDROOM SUITES, SUPERIOR DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEAD.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1908, 11 O'CLOCK, 46 KENT-STREET, 10yds. from Miller's Point Terminus.

ORLANDO T. KEMPTHORNE has received instructions from Mr. W. Manton (who is leaving the State), to sell the whole of the FURNITURE and EFFECTS contained in the above house: Upright Iron-frame Piano, "Rosenkrans"; Sideboard, Chairs, Tables, Pictures, Clocks, Bedsteads, Combination Chests, Chests Drawers, Mirrors, Linoleums, Carpets, Dresser, Safes, Crockery, Kitchen Utensils, Glassware, 8 Fowls. NO RESERVE. Tel., 6216. Auctioneer's Address, 280 PITT-STREET.

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NEW SOUTH WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LTD., 74 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, 74 ADVANCES THE FULL MARKET VALUE ON DIAMONDS, JEWELLERY, SILVERPLATE, ETC. THE LARGEST BUSINESS OF ITS KIND IN AUSTRALASIA. CAPITAL, £100,000. CLIENTS ALLOWED THE UTMOST CONSIDERATION. RATES OF INTEREST THE LOWEST.

J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions from the above Company to sell by public auction, on their Premises, their UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY and SUNDRIES, on MONDAY, 3rd February, at 11 a.m., without reserve, unless previously redeemed or interest paid, and all other goods previously advertised and held over:— 1907.—May—2nd, dd st rings, g tenpot, s mug, bd ring, dd gar ring, g h k gen 19265, dd st d ring; 3rd, stereoscope, 73 slides, g chain, s cot pot, sug basin, jug, cup, e p spirit stand (no bott), bott knife, bell, 9 fks, 10 spns, box; 4th, g mast chain, g alb, g h k wal 2728036, s o f lev (dgd) 22962, silv alb, 2 lkts, 1 l g alb, 2 g bches, lkt, n'let, lkt; 6th, g bch, 2 bchs, necklet, coin, bd ring, s h lev, g albt, lkt, g h lev 24879, g h k wal 686796, e p bis, Wicker Suite of 7 pieces, with Plush Cushions, 7 piece Drawing Suite in Genoa, 7 piece Drawing Suite, in Tapestry and Plush.

BEDROOM FURNITURE.

All Brass State Bedstead, Italian design. Wire and Horsehair Mattresses, 5 Bedroom Suites, various sizes and designs, Combinations, pairs Toilets, Chests Drawers.

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2 IRON SAFES, one American, in fine order. Also, Magnificent Rosisch PIANO, in fine order and condition, first Original cost 90 guineas. Comment on these lovely instruments is needless.

Also, Genuine Rich, Lipp and Sohn, in ebony case. Collard and Collard Piano, in walnut, cost 100 guineas. Thurmer or Victor, in ebony, equal to new. Pianola, by Chase and Baker, to match. Walnut Piano, by Thal Fisher. Piano, by Heller, in walnut case. Belling Piano, Mignon and Newfield. Cramer in rosewood, and Cramer in walnut. Collard and Collard in walnut and also in rosewood. Broadwood, Table Grand.

Also, 3 Beautiful ORGANS, by Wilkins and Gibbs, Mason and Hamlyn, and Heydon.

These beautiful Instruments will be offered at 12 o'clock. Also the Iron Safes.

We wish just to intimate that our Rooms are crammed with fine Furniture in too great a variety to advertise in detail.

WE GIVE YOU A CORDIAL INVITATION TO INSPECT ON THURSDAY.

DALWOOD AND CO., LIMITED, have received instructions to conduct this HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE, AT THEIR ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET, TO-MORROW, AT RANDWICK, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE AT ROSEMEADE, DIXE-STREET, off St. Paul-street. SUPERIOR FURNITURE, CHINA, GLASS, BEST QUALITY KLEUTGENPLATE, DINING-ROOM SUITE IN MAHOGANY, etc. TELEPHONE TABLE. WALNUT ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON, fine 4ft 6in. OVERMANTELS, fitted with Bevel Glasses. AXMINSTER CARPET SQUARES.

SUPERIOR PIANO, IN HANDSOME WALNUT CASE.

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COSTLY DOULTON VASES, HAND-PAINTED, AND SIGNED BY ARTIST.

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JAMES COWAN, acting under instructions from the SYDNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, will sell, in Lots to suit purchasers, 24 BUILDINGS, MOLLOY'S EXTENSIVE STABLING PREMISES, BRICK AND WEATHERBOARD COTTAGES, TWO-STORIED BRICK HOUSES.

First Lot of Buildings to be offered will be those in Howard-street.

NEXT SATURDAY WILL WITNESS THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW SUBURB ON THE HEIGHTS OF BELMORE, WHEN AT 3 P.M. OVER 100 LARGE LOTS WILL BE OFFERED AT AUCTION ON SPECIALLY EASY TERMS!—£1 DEPOSIT, 10s MONTHLY. INTEREST AT 5 P.C. ON QUARTERLY BALANCES. IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. RIGHT TO PAY OFF AT ANY TIME. ABSOLUTELY THE MOST ELEVATED LAND IN THE DISTRICT, AND EXTENSIVE VIEWS ARE GAINED FROM THE Handy to 3 stations, ESTATE, AND A NEW LINE OF TRAMWAY IS SURVEYED TO RUN RIGHT PAST THE ESTATE. THE LIBERAL TERMS INCLUDE A SPECIAL CONDITION COMBINING LIFE ASSURANCE WITH LAND PURCHASE WITHOUT EXTRA COST. TORRENS TITLE. CITY WATER. RETURN TICKETS TO EITHER OF ABOVE 2 STATIONS ON DAY OF SALE, 1d. AND FREE 4-HORSE DRAGS FROM CANTERBURY STATION. SEND FOR PLANS AND PENNY TICKETS.

BELMORE HILLTOPS

Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore.

HENRY F. HALLORAN AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 82 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1908, AT 11 O'CLOCK. FOR POSITIVE SALE BY AUCTION, WITHOUT RESERVE. AT THE MART, 124, 126, AND 128 CASTLEREAGH-STREET. ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. WITH ALL FAULTS. Ex MEDIC. D in Diamond, 1-7. 7 CASES E.P. CRUETS, 4 hole, each 100. J.R.—4. 1 CASE TENNIS RACQUETS, and 7 DOZEN ENGLISH GUT. Under instructions from the Indent Agents. A SHIPMENT OF 70 CONTINENTAL CLOCKS, Brass, Gilt, Decorated Metal, and Chime. ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED. WITH ALL FAULTS. 83 CRATES ENAMELLED WARE, comprising: White Enamelled Buckets, assorted. Blue Enamelled Kettles. Blue and White Enamelled Mixer Cans. Ditto Mugs. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE IMPORTERS. 28 CASES MOIR'S ORANGE MARMALADE, 1lb. 80 BOXES MILDURA RAISINS. 1 CASE CARVING KNIVES AND FORKS, containing 50 dozen pairs. 9 BALES CALIFORNIAN HOPS. 5 CASES CHINESE LANTERNS.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY have received instructions to sell the above by AUCTION, at their Mart, 124, 126, and 128 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, At 11 o'clock.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, JAN. 30th, At 11 o'clock, at DALMORE, 21 ORMOND-STREET, DARLINGHURST, Between Victoria-street and Macleay-street. THE WHOLE OF THE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, as used for Residential Chambers. In consequence of Miss B. BARNETT relinquishing housekeeping. 5ft Stained Walnut Sideboard, Curtains and Poles, Singer Sewing Machine, Glassware and E.P. Ware, Austrian and other Chairs, Dining Tables, Pictures, Axminster Carpets, Lino, and Oilcloth. 7 5ft x 3ft 6in H. T. BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, as good as new. 5ft Combination Chests of Drawers, Bed Linen, Blankets, Towels, etc., etc. Kitchen Utensils, and Sundries.

DALWOOD AND CO., LIMITED, have received instructions from Miss B. BARNETT, who is giving up housekeeping, to sell the above, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

FRIDAY NEXT, JAN. 31st, At 11 o'clock. AT OUR COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS. THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE FURNITURE, PIANO, and EFFECTS of E. P. BAILEY, ESQ., of GORDON, Removed to town for convenience of Sale. Also, THE FURNITURE, SEWING MACHINE, and other EFFECTS, under instructions from WM. JOHNSTON, Esq., Public Accountant, together with several Valuable PIANOFORTES and ORGANS, and other good Furniture in various Estates. Ladies and Gentlemen furnishing in whole or part should inspect these valuable Effects TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) and MORNING OF SALE, when they will be displayed for view. ASSORTMENT OF GLASS, CUTLERY, AND TABLE E.P. WARE. Several Beautiful Walnut Overmantels. Oval and Heart shaped Mirrors and Mantel Glasses. Nice show of Etchings and Engravings. Axminster, Brussels, and Tapestry Carpets. Rooms of Linoleum and Oilcloth, in various sizes. 8 x 4 Extension Dining Table, with screw. 5 piece Walnut Dining Suite, in real leather. 5 piece Dining Suite in Tapestry. Wicker Suite of 7 pieces, with Plush Cushions. 7 piece Drawing Suite in Genoa. 7 piece Drawing Suite, in Tapestry and Plush. BEDROOM FURNITURE. All Brass State Bedstead, Italian design. Wire and Horsehair Mattresses, 5 Bedroom Suites, various sizes and designs, Combinations, pairs Toilets, Chests Drawers. 7-drawer SINGER MACHINE, practically new, Drophead New Century SINGER, good as new. 2 IRON SAFES, one American, in fine order. Also, Magnificent Rosisch PIANO, in fine order and condition, first Original cost 90 guineas. Comment on these lovely instruments is needless. Also, Genuine Rich, Lipp and Sohn, in ebony case. Collard and Collard Piano, in walnut, cost 100 guineas. Thurmer or Victor, in ebony, equal to new. Pianola, by Chase and Baker, to match. Walnut Piano, by Thal Fisher. Piano, by Heller, in walnut case. Belling Piano, Mignon and Newfield. Cramer in rosewood, and Cramer in walnut. Collard and Collard in walnut and also in rosewood. Broadwood, Table Grand. Also, 3 Beautiful ORGANS, by Wilkins and Gibbs, Mason and Hamlyn, and Heydon. These beautiful Instruments will be offered at 12 o'clock. Also the Iron Safes. We wish just to intimate that our Rooms are crammed with fine Furniture in too great a variety to advertise in detail. WE GIVE YOU A CORDIAL INVITATION TO INSPECT ON THURSDAY.

DALWOOD AND CO., LIMITED, have received instructions to conduct this HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE, AT THEIR ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET, TO-MORROW, AT RANDWICK, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE AT ROSEMEADE, DIXE-STREET, off St. Paul-street. SUPERIOR FURNITURE, CHINA, GLASS, BEST QUALITY KLEUTGENPLATE, DINING-ROOM SUITE IN MAHOGANY, etc. TELEPHONE TABLE. WALNUT ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON, fine 4ft 6in. OVERMANTELS, fitted with Bevel Glasses. AXMINSTER CARPET SQUARES. SUPERIOR PIANO, IN HANDSOME WALNUT CASE. BELGIAN ROSEWOOD SUITE IN SILK, FOLDING CHAIRS. COSTLY DOULTON VASES, HAND-PAINTED, AND SIGNED BY ARTIST. OCCASIONAL TABLES, ROSEWOOD WRITING-TABLE, VENETIAN MIRROR AND ORNAMENTS, SILVER PHOTO FRAMES. DOUBLE and SINGLE BRASS FOOTRAIL BEDSTEADS, with best quality Bedding. Walnut 3 Bedroom Suites. Chests of Drawers, Combination Chests. HALL APPOINTMENTS. SINGER SEWING MACHINE, ICE CHEST, QUANTITY OF TABLE AND BED LINEN. KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY UTENSILS. VERANDAH SEATS.

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ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT. THE IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION of DR. PIERS HATTON'S VALUABLE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS at THE HERMITAGE, VAUCLUSE-ROAD, ROSE BAY. THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. CRYSTAL TABLE GLASS, FINE CHINA, ELECTRO-PLATE. STERLING SILVER. SUPERB BECHSTEIN PIANOFORTE. GUNS AND ARMS. ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS, WILTON PILE STAIR CARPETS. MAGNIFICENT BILLIARD TABLE, FULL SIZE, by ALCOCK and CO., IMPERIAL LOW CUSHIONS, ALL APPURTENANCES, AND VERY FINE SEATS IN MOROCCO LEATHER. GALLERY OF VALUABLE PICTURES. HANDSOME BEDROOM FURNITURE, ALL BRASS TWIN BEDSTEADS (massive and very beautifully designed), ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED. WITH ALL FAULTS. LADY'S BICYCLE, ROYAL SUNBEAM, FREE-WHEEL AND VARIABLE GEAR, RUNNING IN OIL BATH (NEW). LADY'S HOGSKIN SADDLE, WITH BEST BRIDLE, WITH TWO BITS (Army and Navy Stores, London). Never been used. The Whole of the GENERAL FURNITURE AND EFFECTS throughout the Residence. Also, TO BE CONTINUED TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M., when the Auctioneers are to Sell THE MOTOR CARS AND LAUNCHES. 60-H.P. F.I.A.T. CAR, highly finished in Dark Green, and upholstered in Dark Blue Morocco Leather, together with Cape Cart Hood, Lamp, Tools, and all accessories complete. 14-H.P. FOUR-CYLINDER VULCAN CAR, Cape Cart Hood, Lamps, Tools, etc., complete. 28-FOOT LAUNCH, "LADY FREIDA," built of Cedar, and fitted with spacious Cabin, Ice-chest, Lavatory, and every convenience; 25-h.p. four-cylinder New York Standard Engine. 26-FOOT LAUNCH "LADY MARJORIE," Mahogany Hull, Cedar Cabin; 16-H.P. four-cylinder White Engine. FOURTEEN-FOOT CENTREBOARD DINGY, with Sails, etc. MACHINERY HORSE. BOSKER LATHE, COMPLETE, with counter and shaft and Universal chuck, and plate, wheels, steadler, spanners, and handles. 6-H.P. NATIONAL GAS ENGINE (almost new), with SHUNT WIND DYNAMO (58-amp.), with three slide rails, bolts, spanners, gauge, wrenches, etc. CATALOGUES AT THE RESIDENCE. VIEW PRIOR TO SALE. JAMES R. LAWSON and LITTLE, FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-ST, near King-st. TELEPHONE, 2066.

SUMMER HILL, (ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT.) HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 30th JAN., AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. Under Instructions from PERCIVAL E. THOMPSON, ESQ., in consequence of his immediate departure for ENGLAND. The Whole of the VALUABLE FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS contained in his Residence, CHEPSTOW, HENSON-STREET, SUMMER HILL, SUPERB BOUDOIR GRAND PIANOFORTE, in highly polished Rhenish Case, by J. G. IRMLER, LEIPSIC. An exceedingly rich and powerful-toned instrument. RARE AND SELECT LIBRARY OF 250 VOLUMES OF BOOKS, All well bound, and in splendid condition, and comprise SHAKESPEARE'S WORKS, FIELDING'S WORKS, and others; also BOOKS of TRAVEL, HISTORY, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, FICTION, etc., etc. VALUABLE CONCERT GRAMAPHONE, TOGETHER WITH ABOUT 200 RECORDS. COST SIXTY GUINEAS. CATALOGUES OBTAINABLE AT THE RESIDENCE. CHEPSTOW will be open to VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 29th JANUARY, from 10 o'clock a.m. till 5 p.m. JAMES R. LAWSON and LITTLE, FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET (near KING-STREET), TELEPHONE, 2066.

NORTH SYDNEY.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY AUCTION NOTICE. FRIDAY NEXT, 31st JANUARY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE BIJOU COTTAGE RESIDENCE, HANLEY, No. 236 ALFRED-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY (close to the Reserve). Under instructions from E. JEFFERSON JACKSON, Esq., in consequence of his immediate departure for England. THE WHOLE OF THE HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE, and COSTLY APPOINTMENTS, including CARVED OAK DINING FURNITURE, consisting of TWO MAGNIFICENTLY CARVED CROMWELL CHAIRS. FUMIGATED OAK SIDEBOARD, highly constructed throughout, fitted with under cupboards and drawers. FUMIGATED OAK DINING TABLE, CARVED OAK DINING SUITE. SUPERB LIPP PIANOFORTE, A MAGNIFICENT INSTRUMENT, COST 80 GUINEAS. COMBINATION DINING AND BILLIARD TABLE, by ALCOCK and SON. CHIPPENDALE DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE. VALUABLE PICTURES, Water-Colour Drawings and Artist Proof Etchings. THE FURNISHINGS of SEVERAL WELL-APPOINTED BEDROOMS, Etc., Etc., Etc. ON VIEW TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 30th JANUARY, FROM 2 O'CLOCK TILL 5 P.M. JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, Near KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, JANUARY 29, AT 11 A.M. AT GEORGE-STREET NORTH, near Globe-street, UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. THE COMPLETE PLANT, EFFECTS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS MORNING.

THIS DAY, JANUARY 29th, at 10 a.m. On the Premises, George-street, near Park-street. Under Imperative Instructions. A. G. JENKINS will sell Jeweller's Tools, Electric Motor, Shop Fittings, etc., etc. WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, JANUARY 29th, at 2.30 p.m. AT THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST. MEN'S and WOMEN'S WEARING APPAREL, BOOTS, and SUNDRIES. A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS AFTERNOON.

AT 88 BURTON-STREET, DARLINGHURST. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and GOODS. Without Reserve. 2.30 p.m. sharp, THIS DAY. J. M. CANTY, Auctioneer.

ORDERS OF SALE FOR SHARES and PROPERTIES, to be SUBMITTED by PUBLIC AUCTION on THURSDAY (TO-MORROW), the 30th JANUARY, at 11.30, by HUGH DUFF and CO., at their SALEROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET. SHARES:—TWO CIVIL SERVICE CO-OP. SOCIETY. SUMNER HILL.—Positive Sale.—CONSTITUTION-RD., near OLD CANTERBURY-ROAD.—"ASPALEY." Br. Cottage. — DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, BREAKFAST-ROOM, 3 BEDROOMS, KIT., BATH-ROOM, Washhouse, Lavatory, Gas, Water, and Sewer. LAND,

FUNERALS.

BERRY.—The Funeral of the late SARAH BERRY, widow of the late James Berry, will leave her late residence, 88 Marion-street, Leichhardt, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Petersham station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
CROCKETT and CO.,
Undertakers, Leichhardt.
Tel., 897 Petsham.

BLINMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. MYERS, of Factory and William streets, Clyde, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NIECE, Essie Billmann; to leave St. Joseph's Hospital, Auburn, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2.15 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
R. METCALFE,
Tel., 96. Undertaker, Parramatta.

BYRNES.—The Friends of the late Mr. PATRICK BYRNES (of Tramway Department) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 144 Union-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW (Thursday), at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown station. W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

CARRIGAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES MEEHAN and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NEPHEW and COUSIN, T. H. CARRIGAN; to move from the Morgue, at a quarter to 9 THIS MORNING, for the Waverley Cemetery.

CARRIGAN.—The Friends of the late GEORGE HUGH CARRIGAN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to take place at Waverley Cemetery, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 10 a.m.
CHARLES KINSELLA, Funeral Director,
116 Oxford-street.

CORY.—The Friends of LILY, MABEL CORY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from the residence of her sister, Mrs. G. D. Allen, Andrews-street, Petersham, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham Station.
J. and T. HART, Undertakers,
Thone, 6 Ash., 460 Bur. Ashfield and Burwood.

CORY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. CORY, Mr. and Mrs. F. PLAYER, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. ALLEMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Lily Mabel Cory; to move from her late residence, 14 Andrew-street, Petersham, TO-DAY, for Rookwood, at 1.45. Short service to be held at house at 1.30 p.m.

HUNTER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY and FAMILY (late of Waller-street, Redfern) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved WIFE and MOTHER; to leave our Mortuary Chambers, 484 Harris-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors.

JONES.—The Friends of HENRIETTA JONES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Gladys Annie; to leave 24 Cowper-street, Glebe, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King and Brown streets, Newtown.

McKAY.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. RACHEL McKAY, late of Surry Hills, are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave 37 Yule-street, Petersham, THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.
Tel., 726, etc.

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McKAY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM REED are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late MOTHER-IN-LAW, Rachel McKay, which will leave 37 Yule-street, Petersham, THIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.

MURPHY.—The Funeral of the late ELIZA MURPHY will leave her late residence, 555 Elizabeth-street, city, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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NOBLE.—The Funeral of the late Mr. ALEXANDER NOBLE will leave 15 Albion-street, Surry Hills, THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING, at 8.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Sydney and Suburban.

RAMSAY.—The Funeral of the late Mr. DAVID RAMSAY will move from our Funeral Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 8.30, a.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd.,
Tel. 276 Undertakers.

ROBERTS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. ROBERTS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved DAUGHTER, Ruby, to leave their residence, Langloh, Calvert-st, Marrickville, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker,
Tel., 184 N. and Railway-parade, Kogarah.

SWAN.—The Friends of Mrs. ANNIE R. SWAN and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Elsie Cornelius, which will leave their residence, 23 Macquarie-street, Leichhardt, THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Petersham; via Petersham Railway Station. WOOD and CO., Funeral Directors.

THORNCROFT.—The Friends of Mrs. BESSIE THORNCROFT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, George Thorncroft, of Beamish-street, Campsie, and late of Annandale, which will move from his daughter's residence, Iona, M'Kenzie-street, Leichhardt, THIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for the Church of England Cemetery, Enfield.

THOMAS.—The Funeral of the late CLARA, Wife of T. W. M. THOMAS, will move from 109 Falcon-street, North Sydney, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 3.30 p.m., for the St. Thomas' Cemetery, North Sydney.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON., Ltd.,
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WANTED, OIL MARINE ENGINE, 6 or 10 h.p., heavy type, slow speed preferred. Open to 30th inst. W. SYKES, Newport.

WANTED to PURCHASE, an OREGON PUNT, 25 to carry up to 100 tons. Give all particulars of gear, equipment, and price to W. W. JOHNSON, Wallsend.

WANTED, a Housebost, for fortnight, Easter. Full particulars, etc, M.L.L., Haymarket Post-office.

WANTED, OTHER SKIFF, second-hand, cheap. A., Dulwich Hill P.O.

WANTED, a second-hand OIL LAUNCH, about 35ft long. Apply by letter, with full particulars, to W. HENDERSON, G.P.O., Sydney.

POULTRY, DOGS, ETC.

WANTED TO HIRE, BITCH IN MILK, for Foster-Mother.
ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, Sydney.

FOR Sale, pure-bred Fox Pups, £1 dogs, 15s sluts. Apply Hinemoa, George-st, Homebush.

BLACKBURNED PUPPIES, by my imported prize-winner, now for Sale. By lett., A. G. Sewell, 78 Hunter-st.

GERMAN Sheep Dog, Puppies, by my imported dogs, for Sale. A. G. Sewell, 78 Hunter-st, Sydney.

FOX TERRIERS, pedigreed stock, for Auction Sale, To-morrow, 3 p.m. 713 Bourke-st, S. Hills.

LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.

WAY'S IN PITT-STREET

GREAT

SUMMER SALE.

RECORD BARGAINS ALL THIS WEEK.

LADIES' MOTOR COATS!

LADIES' DUST COATS!!

LADIES' THEATRE COATS!!

☞ These command your attention.

Lot 1.—Navy Sicilian New Russian Style Motor Coats, roll collar and cuffs, self stitching, and prettily strapped.
Regular Price, 25/6; Now only 12/9.
Lot 2.—Navy Sicilian Dust Coats, smart Belt at waist, and Chesterfield fronts, extra full sleeves.
Regular Price, 29/6; Now only 15/11.
Lot 3.—Navy or Cream Heavy Sicilian Motor Coats, with fitting back, smartly pleated from waist, and self strapped, handsome buttons.
Regular Price, 32/6; Now only 17/6.
Lot 4.—Steel Grey Sicilian Dust Coats, full sacque back, and prettily stitched, double-breasted fronts.
Regular Price, 35/; Now only 18/11.
Lot 5.—Rich Sicilian Cream Theatre Coats, full length, Glace Silk Collar and Cuffs, and trimmed Silk Braid, double-breasted, and handsome buttons.
Regular Price, 2 guineas; Now only 19/11.
Ladies, all these goods are Perfectly Clean and Fresh, also right up-to-date in styles, and are now being cleared at Ridiculously Low Prices.

LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.

WAY'S

GREAT

SUMMER SALE.

A few SPECIALS quoted from our Popular Lace Department:—
Guipure and Oriental Insertions, 2 to 4 inches wide, Paris shade.
Regular Prices, 3/9 to 2/11 yard; Now only 1/ yard.
Important to Dressmakers:—This is the finest lot of Laces you have ever laid your eyes on.
18-inch Oriental All-over Laces, Paris and White.
Regular Price, 2/6 yard; Now only 1/3½ yard.
18-inch Guipure All-over Laces, Paris and White.
Regular Price, 3/11 yard; Now only 1/11 yard.
Oriental Lace Edgings, 6 inches wide, Paris shade only.
Regular Price, 1/0½ yard; Now only /9½ yard.
Embroidery Insertions, with Fancy Edges, suitable for Bretelles, etc.
Regular Price, 9½ yard; Now only /5½ yard.
18-inch White All-over Cambric Embroideries.
Regular Price, 1/9 yard; Now only /10½ yard.
8-inch Cambric Embroidery Flouncings, suitable for Underskirts.
Regular Price, 1/9 yard; Now only /10½ yard.
22-inch Chiffon Vellings,
Hemstitched Borders, in White, Pink, Sky, Heliotrope, Green, Cardinal, and Wine Shades.
Regular Price, 1/6 yard; Now only /11 yard.

THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.

WAY'S IN PITT-STREET

GREAT

SUMMER SALE.

Floral and Striped Muslins, good designs, all one price, 2/11 dcc. yards.
A whole window of French Muslins. Usual Prices, from /11½ to 1/8 yard; Now only /6½ yard.
White and Black Spot and Figured Muslins. Regular Prices, 1/ to 1/6 yard; Now only /6½ yard.
A Table of Lawns, Muslins, Fancy Zephyrs, etc. Regular Prices, /8½ to 1/ yard; Now only /4½ yard.
White Boxed Embroidered Robes, perfectly fresh. We are now clearing the whole of our stock at Half Prices, from 15/6.

SILKS. SILKS.

Our Popular and Busy Silk Dept. is where the Pitt-street Bargains for Silks are. We will not be undersold for Values and Quality.
White Japanese Silks, /9½ yard.
Black Japanese Silks, /8½ yard.
Coloured Japanese Silks, /8½ yard.
Coloured Louisienne Silks.
Regular Price, 2/11 yard; Now only 1/11 yard.
36 inches wide Chiffon Taffeta Silks, Navy, Myrtle, Olive, etc.
Regular Price, 5/11 yard; Now only 4/3 yard.
A Special Line of Black Mercerised Silks. All One Price, 1/6½ yard.

REMNANTS OF LACES.

Hundreds of Remnants, various lengths, all makes, at
HALF PRICES.
2 Tables Full of Remnants. See these Bargains to-day.

LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.

WAY'S

GREAT

SUMMER SALE.

RECORD BARGAINS ALL THIS WEEK IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

A GREAT BARGAIN.

To-day we shall offer in "Our Good Value Household Dept." the following Extraordinary Purchase, just received from our London buyers:—
600 dozen of Sample (typed) Linen Tea Towels and Glass Towels, with Red or Blue Borders, the name Tea or Glass woven in the linen, all ready hemmed, each separate towel, and ready for immediate use.
We shall offer this Extraordinary Purchase to-day at the following prices:—
2/9, 3/6, 3/9, 3/11, the ½-dozen.
Hotels, Boarding-house, Restaurant Keepers, etc.—To secure the above, call and inspect as early as possible. There will be ready for your inspection the first thing this morning.

ALL THE WEEK
FOR BARGAINS AT
R. WAY & COMPANY'S,
PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

FURNITURE, ETC.
(Continued from Page 6.)

EX. BEDSTEAD will pur. Furn., Pianos, etc., for Cash. Call or write or tele. 773 Geo.-st, T., 6308.
FOR SALE, new and S.H. Bedroom Suites, Wardrobes, Toilets, Sideboards. 827 George-st.
AT EDGAR'S.—Office Furniture, Partitions, Bar Counter, Mirror-back Shelving. 527 George-st.
YOUNG Couple refurnishing will buy good house Furniture, Cash. No dealers. 26 Oxford-st, Paddington.
FURNITURE Bargains, owners leav. district, must sell. Call and inspect. Rockdale Auction Rooms.
WANTED, House Furniture, about 4 rooms. J. Christensen, Oxford-st P.O.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.
(Continued from Page 4.)

DENTISTRY.—2nd-hand Bracket and Table. Price and particulars, Molar, Elizabeth-st P.O., South.
WANTED, Singer Machine, good order, oscillating shuttle, cheap. M., 104 Jersey-rd, Paddington
WANTED to Buy, a large flat-bed Knitting Machine. Price, etc, to Knitter, 91 Market-st.

PROFESSIONS, TRADES, ETC.
(For Advertisements under this heading see Page 2.)

SITUATIONS WANTED.

A.—BY Jap., Sit., first-cl. refs., hotel or brdng. city or suburbs. Apply, 120 Castlereagh-st.
ACTIVE old Man wants light Work, builders' watch. man, caretaker, etc, total abst. J. E., Wavly. P.O.
ACOMPT. Person reqs. Offices to Clean, good personal refs. Rez, 67 Carrington-rd, Waverley.
A1 exper. young Woman requires Washing, Scrubbing, Cleaning, daywork, ref. C.E., Wm.-st P.O.
A1 RESP. elderly Widow seeks light Place or Housekeep for 2 gents, or widower. M.H., M'ville P.O.
A1 RESPECTABLE Lad, 17, would like to learn Carpentering, ref. E. C., Enmore P.O.
A1 S Housemaid or Housemaid-Laundress, pers. refs. W. W., 107 William-st, Darlinghurst.
A1 Light General, by a young Girl. 46 Little Albion-st, Surry Hills.
A1 YG. Lady, invalid Nurse, wishes daily Engagement, good references. Apply Nurse, P.O., Newtown.
A YOUNG Woman seeks a Situation as Housekeeper, or Light General. M.A.B., P.O., Balmain.
A YOUNG GIRL requires Situation as Light Housemaid, no washing. E. J. M., 211 Riley-st.
A YOUNG Girl, just leaving school, requires a Position in an office. E. M. D., P.O., Marrickville.
A YOUNG Lady, desirous of returning to America in February or March, would give her services as Maid to lady or children in return for Passage or part, ex. sailor. Address E12, Herald Office.

WE ARE OPEN ALL DAY WEDNESDAY.

W. T. WATERS & CO., LTD.

SPACE-MAKING SALE.

In Ladies' Ready-made Wearing Apparel, we are easily first. Our COSTUMES AND SKIRTS are WELL MADE AND FINISHED, and the VERY LATEST STYLE AND CUT.
Here are some of our lines; compare the description and prices, then come and inspect the quality.

WHITE COSTUMES.

Beautifully Trimmed WHITE MUSLIN COSTUMES, with the fashionable ¾ or Long Sleeve, Tucked Skirt.
Usual Price, 12/6; Sale Price, 8/11.
Usual Price, 16/11; Sale Price, 11/9.
STRIPED CAMBRIC, PLAIN and CHECK ZEPHYR Kimono Costumes, trimmed Embroidery.
Usually 14/9, 16/11, 18/11, 21/.
SALE PRICES, 10/6, 12/6, 13/11, 15/9.

SMART SKIRTS.

PLEATED SICILIAN SKIRTS, in Black, Navy, and Brown, lovely full shapes.
Usually 18/6 and 23/.
SALE PRICE, 14/11.
LUSTRE AND SICILIAN SKIRTS, Plain Gored Tucked, Pleated, and other shapes.
SALE PRICES, 15/6, 17/6, 19/11, 22/6.
WELL-FEARED BLACK AND NAVY SICILIAN SERGE LUSTRE, and PANAMA SKIRTS.
SALE PRICES, 8/11, 9/9, 11/6, and 12/6.
WHITE LAWN SKIRTS, with 3 Tucks and Deep Hem, Gathered at Waist. Our Wonderful 4/11 Line.
SALE PRICE, 3/11.
WHITE LAWN SKIRTS, with Tucks and Deep Hem, trimmed with Embroidery.
USUAL PRICE, 7/6; SALE PRICE, 5/11.
WHITE LINEN-FINISHED LAWN SKIRTS, with 3 Hemstitched Tucks, Deep Hem, Gathered at Waist.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE, 7/6.

W. T. WATERS & CO., LTD.,

THE LEADERS OF FASHION,
KING AND GEORGE STREETS, SYDNEY.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

BUTLER, first-class refs., waiting Engagement, interview, hotel's office, 27 Elizabeth-st, T., 3885.
BY respect Woman, with a child, Position, W. H. keeper, Gen., country pref. Mother, G.P.O.
BY resp. Man, groom, garden, milk useful, refs., good workers, mod. wages. Bulli, Herald, King-st.
BY m-aged M., milk, grm., garden, drive, genl. useful, small wages, good refs. W.N., Herald Br.
BY reliable exp. Gardener, Rowers and vegetables, Boarding House. P. M., Herald, King-st.
BY MAN, garden, groom, milk, permanent, bush house, eyes last place. Sunflower, Herald Branch.
BY a mid.-aged Man, gardening and general useful, good refs. L. O., Herald Branch, King-st.
BY resp. young Girl, SIT., light Gen., plain cook, 2 laundries fine preferred. May, P.O., Ashfield.
BY Married Couple, Blacksmith, Shoer, Carpenter's Tools, repair Windmills, Pumps, etc.; Wife any duties. Three years' station refs. last place. Open one week. A.B.C., Herald Office.
CAN recommend Cook, H. and P. Md., Laun. H., young Generals. Tollfree, 529 George-st.
COMPETENT H. and P. Maid desires Position, gent.'s family, Penrith-Springwood. B. L., P.O., Croydon.
COMP. Laundress, 3 yrs. pers. ref., Mountains preferred. Open one week. H. L., Annandale P.O.
CARLOS SIMMONDS' AGENCY, 186 Castlereagh-st. BAKER, able take charge, 2 years' refs., h. rec. HOTEL GROOM, milk, etc., 18 mths.' refs., can recom. CAMP COOK, take charge, bord., suit surveyor, etc. BUTCHER'S SHOPMAN, make smalls, 3 years' refs. SAWYER, suit bush sawmill, good man, refs. CARPENTER, build sheds, repairs, suit farm or stn.
EXP. Lady Help des. POS. in small family. E. M., Paddington P.O.
EXPERIENCED Girl wants POS., Tea or Lunch Rooms, D., P.O., William-st. Open three days.
EDUCATED WIDOW, 26, wishes position HOUSEKEEPER, or HELP, thoroughly domesticated, and fond of children, good plain cook, mesmerician and musician. Mrs. STEWART, Herald Branch, King-st.
GARDENER and handy Man, can be well recommended by W. G. Whiting, Bull'sebs., Moree-st.
GENTLEMAN seeks Secretarial or other Work; retail few hours daily, high refs. Merlin, Herald.
GOOD Plain Ironer wishes learn Shirt Polishing, 3 half-days wk. Mother, South Leichhardt P.O.
GRADUATE reg. Pos. (non-res.), girls' sch., math., Fr., Latin, Eng., etc. D.O., Herald Office.
GARDENER.—Gentleman, shortly going to England, can recommend a good Man as such, thoroughly understands all kinds of flowers and vegetables, single, age 30. Box 3, Adelaide.
HAIRDRESSERS.—Resp. young Improver req. POSITION, refs., good shaver, S. T. J., An'dale P.O.
HOUSEKEEPER, super., good cook, manager, needle woman, bach., otherwise, refs. Hope, Herald Bch.
LADY, well-educated, mus., amanuensis, companion, etc., Pos. lady travelling, 313, Herd., King-st.
LADY requires Position as Companion, good needlewoker. Ada, William-st P.O.
LADY desires Position, Linenwoman, mending, boarding-house or hotel; refs. P.O., Petersham.
LADY give light services, sewing, comfortable home, small salary, refs. E., P.O., Petersham.
LADY wants POSITION as Housekeeper to two or three gents or widower. C.M.H., Haymkt. P.O.
LADY to Help waiting, comfortable home, small wage. Botany preferred. Ladies, call 11 o'clock, 15 Glebe-rd.
LADY, with Boy of 5, desires Position as HOUSEKEEPER, willing to take any position of trust, small salary. EXPERIENCE, Herald Office.
MAN as Gardener and Useful, good refs., wages. Apply J. H. R., Herald Office.
MAR. Woman wants Work, T'murra, Pymble, or Gordon; ck., wash. M.E.R., P.O., Turramurra.
MILLINERY.—Improver wanting ENGAGEMENT. Apply J. E. R., Marrickville Post-office.
MAN, 58, just out from England, desires SITUATION, position of trust or hotel work, excellent references. RENFI, Post Office, Newtown.
REFINED young Lady would like Position, Cashier or Telephone Attendant. E.D.B., Crown-st P.O.
RESP. LAD, 16, would like to be Apprenticed good engineering trade, refs. A.J.C., Campbell-st P.O.
RESPECTABLE Woman, girl 5, seeks light Place, small homely adult fam. L. L., P.O., Darlington.
RES. young Woman wants WORK, by day. Apply Doreen, Bondi Post-office.
REF. young Lady desires POS., attend linen and table, piano; wait if required. Office, P.O., Petersham.
REFINED Widow, 28, girl (3), des. light Emp., any resp. capacity. E. A. B., P.O., William-st.
REFINED young Woman would like Position in doctor's or dentist's rooms. A., William-st P.O.
RESPECTABLE young Woman seeks POSITION as Housekeeper, widow, subs. E. M., Glebe P.O.
REFINED Person req. Pos., Lady Help and Comp., Domestic duties, no heavy work. N.Y.E., Redfern P.O.
REFORTER, 14 years' experience city and country, wants open Engagement. X.Y.Z., Enmore Post-office.
RESP. Youth desires POSITION in House and Land Agents' Office. Apply 119 Park-avenue, Ashfield.
REL. sober Mar. Man, wants Employm't, Syd. or sub., exc. char. W.N.C., P.O., Turramurra.
REFINED Woman, 30, requires POSITION as L. H., comp., thoroughly dom.; or care of child, in gentleman's family; good housekeeper.
MUSICAL, 78 Quarry-street, Ultimo.
SHIP'S Steward recom'd for SIT. as Houseman in hotel or bdg.-house. Steward, George-st W. P.O.
SIT. required by experienced Man as Groom, Coachman, milk if req. ref. W.H., Crow's N. P.O., N.S.
SIT. as Plain Cook, hotel or b.-house pref., no carving. Alpha, G.P.O.
SUP. elderly Person, Housekeeper, light duties, ref. good home, pocket money. Nora, P.O., Newtown.
TRUSTWORTHY country girl desires Sit. light Gen., Croydon pref. May, 81 Regent-st, Newtown.
TO Warehouses, Wool Stores, etc.—Position wanted, Watchman, Caretaker, 4 yrs. ref. 63 Pitt-st, Redfn.
TWO Lady Friends would like Position as Help in sales. Lady, address S.M., P.O., Edgecliff.
WANTED by young Girl, SITUATION as Light General, small family. Apply Violet, P.O., Smithfield.
WANTED, by competent young General, Sit. in Gent.'s family. Apply, M.T., Paddington P.O.
WTD., Position of trust by m.-aged refined Person, thor. in dom. duties. B. S., P.O., Newtown.
WANTED, by widow with own home, Position as H'keeper to Work. Man. C.A., P.O., Oxford-st.
WANTED, Washing, Cleaning, or plain sewing, by per day. Mrs. Gray, 38 Arthur-st, Leichhardt.
WANTED by a Youth, Position in motor or cycle works, gd. ref. J. G., Marrickville Works.
WANTED, by resp. Woman, reliable Work, by day, cleaning, washing. M. H., 86 Oxford-st, city.
WANTED, by honest, sober person, Washing and Ironing, day, or take home. A. W., Oxf.-st P.O.
WTD. by exper. Laundress, Washing, by day or wk., ref. G. H., 21 Flinders-st, off Oxford-st.
WANTED, Position as Housekeeper, for bachelors or widowers, good cook. C.M., 165 Palmer-st, city.
WANTED, by respectable Woman, Washing or Cleaning, by the day. M. W., 65 Gipps-st, Paddington.
WANTED, Sit. by y. Lady as Housemaid or a Light Gen., country pref. A.B.C., Berry P.O.
WANTED, Situation, by good plain Cook and Laund., hotel, good refs. M.S., Oxford-st P.O.
WANTED by steady man, groom, gardening, milk, drive well, good refs. J. C. M., Herald, King-st.
WANTED, by resp. honest yg. Woman, with a child, Sit., light Gen., Bkpr, Anxious, Haymarket P.O.
WTD. by yg. Lady, gd. appearance, Pos. in bar, good hotel, experienced. 34 Glenmore-rd, Paddington.
WANTED, by resp. yng. Widow, child 10 mths., as light Gen., Housekeeper. E. L., Haymarket P.O.
W. HOUSEKEEPER wishes Position, light place, good ref. E. M., 67 Susan-st, Annandale.
WANTED by LAD (18), with 18 months' experience in Dairying and Sheep, a SITUATION on Sheep Station for further experience. For references, etc., apply to M. L., 25 West-street, Petersham, Sydney.
WANTED, SIT., lib., or place of trust, to middle-aged widower or bachelor, capable all duties. Apply first inst. to Herald. Open one week. Miss LYNCH, 186 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst North.
YOUNG Lady desires Position, dentist's rms., assistant, over 2 yrs. exper. M. H., Paddington P.O.
YOUNG Man wait. Sit., engine-driv., refs., or labouring in city. 32 Belmore-st, Surry Hills.
YOUNG Man willing to Work on Farm for board and keep. F. R., G.P.O.
YOUNG LADY give fortnight services learn Bar business. Hotel, Haymarket P.O.
YOUNG LADY wants Position in Dentist's as attendant. Roma, Post-office, Bondi.
YOUNG Lady desires POSITION as Nursery Governess. Apply Alpha, 16 Fraser-rd, Lewisham.
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YOUNG Lady req. Sit. as Light Gen. in homely fam. A.M., c.o. Mrs. Dunn, 62 Toogood-st, Erskv.
YOUNG Girl req. SIT. as Cook and L'dress, small family, good wages. A.B., 123 Riley-st.
YOUNG Woman from country wants place as light Gen., no cooking pref. A. M., Haymarket P.O.

SERVANTS WANTED.
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OPEN ALL DAY WEDNESDAY

REUBEN BRASCH'S FINAL FLUTTER OF WONDERFUL BARGAINS.

GREAT STOCKTAKING SALE.

A GENERAL CLEARANCE of the BALANCE of our Summer Season's Goods at EXCEPTIONALLY CHEAP RATES. Whatever the COST or LOSS everything MUST be cleared.

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	Usual Value. s d	Sale Price. s d
FLORAL FRENCH MUSLINS, new designs and colourings, on white grounds ..... doz.	4 9	.. 1 11½
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FRENCH STRIPED CAMBRICS, best goods, good washers, and new stripes ..... doz.	5 9	.. 4 6
Our Practice is never to carry over one season's goods to another.		
HOYLE'S BEST PRINTS ..... doz.		.. 4 11½

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	Usual Value. s d	Sale Price. s d
RIBBON CORSETS, Brocaded Stripes, 20, 22, 28 inches	2 9	.. 1 2½
BROCADED SILK RIBBON Corsets, all sizes, with suspenders	2 6	.. 1 11½
SILK EMBROIDERED RIBBON Corsets, with suspenders	3 11	.. 2 6½
WHITE SILK EMBROIDERED RIBBON Corsets, front and hip suspenders	3 9	.. 2 11
GREY COUTILLE CORSETS, straight fronts, deep hips	3 9	.. 2 11
WHITE CELLULAR CORSETS, straight fronts, deep hips, with suspenders	3 11	.. 2 11
BLUE BROCADED COUTILLE Corsets, straight fronts, deep hips, with side and front suspenders	6 11	.. 3 9

Our 2s 6d Parcel of TORCHON LACE and INSERTION is
MARVELLOUS VALUE.
SEND FOR ONE (POST FREE).

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	Usual Price. s d	Sale Price. s d
LADIES' COTTON VESTS, Silk Embroidered ..... 6d to	0 9½	.. 0 4½
LADIES' COTTON VESTS, Silk Lace Fronts, short sleeves	1 4½	.. 0 11½
LADIES' COTTON VESTS, Deep Lace Yoke	1 6	.. 0 11½
LADIES' SILK FINISH SPENCERS	1 8	.. 0 12½
SILK FINISH SPENCERS, White and all colours	1 11	.. 0 14½
LADIES' SUMMER MERINO COMBINATIONS ..... 5s 11d to	2 11	.. 4 11
LADIES' COTTON COMBINATIONS ..	2 9	.. 1 11½

BLACK LAVANTINE UMBRELLAS, with Choice Handles, A BARGAIN, 2s 11½d.

VEILS.

	Usual Value. s d	Sale Price. s d
BEST QUALITY HEMSTITCHED CHIFFON VEILS, every possible shade, 14 yard long ..... 11d to	2 6	.. 0 12½
WHITE CHIFFON, or White with Pleated Silk Border	2 9	.. 1 6½
WHITE CHIFFON VEILS with Chenille Spots, Border of Black Chantilly Lace	2 11	.. 1 11½
MOUSSELINE DE SOIE VEILS, Hemstitched, 14 yard long, Sky, Pink, Cream, or Black, Brown	2 9	.. 1 11½
FRENCH MOTOR VEILS and Parachute Veils, all colours	3 6	.. 2 11

5-INCH FLORAL CHENE SILK RIBBONS, All Colours, with Corded Edge, 12½d.

DAINTY LINGERIE.

	Usual Value. s d	Sale Price. s d
NAINSOOK CAMISOLES, trimmed Frills or Torchon Lace	1 9	.. 1 2
NAINSOOK PETTICOATS, trimmed Val. Lace and Insertion, open back or front	2 9	.. 1 11
MADAPOLAM NIGHTS, Plain Muslin Frills, finished featherstitch	2 11	.. 2 6
MADAPOLAM NIGHTS, with Square Yoke, trimmed Embroidery	4 9	.. 3 11
MADAPOLAM NIGHTS, trimmed Torchon Lace Insertion and Beading, with Ribbon Bows	3 6	.. 2 11
COMBINATIONS, Fine Madapolam, Frills, and finished White Braid Trimming	2 6	.. 1 11½
MADAPOLAM COMBINATIONS, trimmed Embroidery and Beading	2 11	.. 2 3
MADAPOLAM COMBINATIONS, trimmed Val. Lace, Embroidery Insertion, Lace, Ribbon, and Bows Ribbon	3 6	.. 2 11
MADAPOLAM KNICKERS, trimmed Frills and Featherstitch Braid	1 4	.. 0 11½
MADAPOLAM KNICKERS, trimmed Embroidery and Edging	2 6	.. 1 9
MADAPOLAM KNICKERS, trimmed Linen Torchon Lace	2 11	.. 2 3

CHILDREN'S FANCY LEATHER BAGS AND PURSES, Strap or Chain Handles, 2½d.

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Sweeping reductions in Summer Millinery, Girls' Linen Sailors, Coloured Book Muslin River Hats, Girls' Piques and Duck Hats. ALL ONE PRICE, 2s 6d.

52 JAVA HATS, trimmed muslin, stripe silk, or Jap. silk, bows across front, prettily shaped. Usual price from 10s 6d to 12s 6d. SALE PRICE, 3s 11d.

57 SMARTLY-TRIMMED STRAWS, with glace bow, or floral trimmed, ribbon loop to finish, all new shapes. Usual price, 15s to 18s 6d. SALE PRICE, 5s 11d.

48 DAINTY CAPALINE and CLOCHE SHAPES, prettily trimmed with flowers, ribbon, and tulle. Usual price, 18s 6d to 25s. SALE PRICE, 12s 6d.

27 LOVELY CHINOLINE, FINE CHIP, and JHDDA STRAWS, in large droop shapes, trimmed with flowers, ostrich tips, or glace silk and wings. Usual price, 25s to 35s 6d. SALE PRICE, 15s 11d.

The whole of our stock of UNTRIMMED HATS, in all newest shapes and colourings, worth from 1s 6d to 3s 11d. SALE PRICE, 8½d.

COLOURED GLACE UNDERSKIRT